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## ENABLING MEASURE.

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### FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW DIOCESE IN THE STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, TO BE CALLED THE DIOCESE OF WIL- LOCHRA.

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WHEREAS it is desirable that the Diocese of Adelaide shall be subdivided, and that so much of the said Diocese as is described in Schedule A be severed therefrom as is hereinafter provided and constituted a separate Diocese: BE IT ENACTED by the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide as follows:—

Preamble

1. The portion of the State of South Australia comprised within the boundaries as defined in Schedule A of this Measure shall become a separate Diocese upon the enthronement of a Bishop for such portion. Such new Diocese shall hereinafter be called or known as the Diocese of Willochra, and in this Measure is referred to as "the new Diocese."

Formation and  
Boundaries of  
New Diocese

How New  
Diocese  
Designated

2. The See of the Bishop of the new Diocese shall be at such place as the Synod of the new Diocese, with the consent of the Bishop thereof, shall from time to time appoint.

See of New  
Diocese

3. The boundaries of the new Diocese as defined in the said Schedule A shall be shown on a map or plan, of which one copy shall be lodged with the Bishop of Adelaide, a duplicate thereof with the Bishop of the new Diocese, and a triplicate copy thereof shall be deposited in the General Registry Office, Adelaide, and each copy shall when certified under the hand of the Bishop of Adelaide be conclusive evidence of the boundaries of the new Diocese.

Map of New  
Diocese

4. When the proposal to form the new Diocese shall have been assented to by a majority of the clerical and lay representatives of Synod of the portion of

Election of  
Bishop

the Diocese of Adelaide intended to be formed into the new Diocese, and the Primate of Australia and Tasmania shall have certified in writing to the Bishop of Adelaide that in his opinion a sufficient endowment has been secured for the maintenance of the proposed new Diocese, the Bishop of Adelaide shall convene a meeting of the said clerical and lay representatives together with the clerical and lay representatives within the Rural Deanery of Eyre's Peninsula, and four clerical and four lay representatives from the Diocese of Adelaide, to be elected by this Synod, for the purpose of electing the first Bishop of the proposed new Diocese. The Bishop of Adelaide shall preside at the said meeting and at all adjournments if any thereof, and shall be entitled to a deliberate and casting vote.

Procedure for  
Election

5. The procedure for the election shall be as follows:—The clerical representatives sitting in Committee, under the presidency of the Bishop of Adelaide, shall forthwith at such time and place as he shall appoint, nominate some person or persons (not more than three in all), who shall be either in Priests' Orders and of the age of fully thirty years, or of some Bishop or Bishops eligible for the new Diocese. The Bishop of Adelaide shall be entitled to a deliberate and casting vote.

6. The said nomination or nominations shall without delay be considered in Committee by the lay representatives sitting by themselves, under the presidency of the Bishop of Adelaide, at such time and place as he shall appoint, and they shall have the right of nominating some other duly qualified person or persons (not more than three) to add to the list proposed by the clergy. The Bishop at such meeting shall have a casting vote only.

7. On reassembling the persons nominated shall be balloted for by the clergy entitled to vote and by the lay representatives, and every name which shall fail to obtain one-fifth of the votes severally both of the clergy—the Bishop voting with them—and also of the lay representatives present shall be struck off. The balloting shall be continued unless one of the names shall have obtained two-thirds of the votes as aforesaid, and the person obtaining such number shall be the Bishop elect.



8. Should no such proportion of votes be given for any one of the names mentioned, then a second ballot shall take place, and the person whose name shall secure three-fifths of the votes as provided in Clause 7, shall be the Bishop elect.

9. If none of the persons balloted for obtain such three-fifths majority, then it shall be competent for the clergy entitled to vote and the lay representatives in like manner by a majority of votes to elect by ballot all voting together, and the person obtaining the largest number of votes shall be the Bishop elect.

10. If the person elected shall decline to accept the See, the clergy and lay representatives as mentioned in Clause 4 shall proceed *de novo* as before.

11. The Bishop of Adelaide shall forthwith take the necessary steps for giving effect to the election in accordance with the rules for the confirmation and consecration of Bishops made by the General Synod of the Dioceses of Australia and Tasmania, dated the 5th October, 1905, and adopted by the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide on the 12th day of September, 1906.

12. The Bishop of Adelaide shall as soon as may be after the arrival of such first Bishop within the new Diocese, make all necessary arrangements for his enthronement in some Church therein to be selected by such first Bishop. Enthronement

13. The income derived from the Fund known as the Northern Bishopric Fund shall be payable to the Bishop of the new Diocese from the date of the enthronement of the first Bishop thereof until such time as the Synod of the new Diocese is incorporated. The capital of the said Fund shall be transferred to the Synod of the new Diocese when properly constituted and incorporated. Transfer of Income

14. All lands and all properties set forth in Schedule B and now vested in The Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Adelaide Incorporated, and all lands and all properties within the limits of the new Diocese becoming vested in the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Adelaide Incorporated, between the date of coming into operation of this Transfer of Properties

Measure and the incorporation of the Synod of the new Diocese shall remain so vested on behalf of and for the benefit of the said new Diocese from and after the date of the enthronement of the first Bishop of the new Diocese until a duly constituted Synod be appointed for the new Diocese, when all such lands and properties shall (unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide, and the Synod when constituted and incorporated, of the new Diocese), be transferred to the Synod of the new Diocese, subject to any liabilities, trusts, and obligations in connection therewith. All costs of such transfer shall be borne by the Diocese of Adelaide.

Powers, etc.,  
of Bishop of  
New Diocese

15. When a Bishop of the new Diocese shall have been enthroned, then subject to any provision to the contrary in this Measure contained, the Bishop of Adelaide shall cease to have, and except by permission of the Bishop for the time being of the new Diocese, may not exercise within the limits of the new Diocese any of the powers, rights, or authorities which a Bishop of the Church of England in South Australia may for the time being lawfully exercise, or to which he may be entitled, and from the time of such enthronement the Bishop of the new Diocese shall have and may exercise within the limits of his Diocese all such powers, rights, and authorities as aforesaid, and shall be for all purposes the successor of the Bishop of Adelaide within the limits of the new Diocese.

Constitution  
of Synod of  
New Diocese

16. The first Synod of the new Diocese shall consist of the Bishop thereof, together with such Clerical and Lay Representatives as shall have been elected for or represent Parishes or Mission Districts, within such portion of the Diocese of Adelaide as is comprised within the Schedules A and C hereto, and such Synod shall have and exercise in regard to the new Diocese all authority, rights, and privileges which up to the date of the passing of this measure are vested in the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide. The place and time of meeting of such first Synod shall be fixed by the Bishop of the new Diocese, or in case of death or inability to act, by the Bishop of Adelaide.

Fundamental  
Provisions  
and Standing  
Orders

17. All Fundamental Provisions, Regulations, and Standing Orders of the Adelaide Diocesan Synod which shall be in force in the Diocese of Adelaide at

the time of the enthronement of the first Bishop of the new Diocese, shall be binding upon the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the new Diocese, so far as the same may be applicable to, or be capable of being carried out until the same shall be revoked or altered by any Synod of the new Diocese convened by the Bishop thereof.

18. Any Clergyman who is a member of the Clergy Widow and Orphan Fund or of the Clergy Annuity Fund of the Diocese of Adelaide formed under the provisions and governed by the Fundamental Provisions and Regulations of the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide, and whose premium shall have been duly paid, may, if he passes to the new Diocese, continue to be a member of either or both of the said funds, and may participate in the benefits thereof, so long as he is licenced in the new Diocese, although he be no longer a resident in the Diocese of Adelaide.

Inclusion of  
C.W. & O.  
and C.A.  
Funds.

19. After the enthronement of the Bishop of the new Diocese, the Clergy of the new Diocese, and of that part of the Diocese of Adelaide described in Schedule C, shall be released from their oath of obedience to the Bishop of Adelaide, and shall take the oath of obedience to the Bishop of the new Diocese.

Oath of  
Obedience.

20. Inasmuch as the funds of the Church of England Endowment Society, and the funds administered by the Attorneys of the S.P.G. are for the benefit of the Church of England throughout the State of South Australia, the Bishop, Clergy, and Churches of the new Diocese shall, from its formation, be fully entitled to participate in such funds. The new Diocese shall be entitled to participate in grants from the funds of the Bishop's Home Mission Society. Such portion of the income of the Allen Pastoral Aid Fund shall be available for the Clergy in the new Diocese as the Bishop of Adelaide may from time to time decide.

C. of E. En-  
dowment,  
S.P.G. and  
B.H.M.S.  
Funds.

Synodal  
Grant-in-Aid

21. Subject to the consent of the Bishop of Adelaide, that part of South Australia comprised within the Rural Deanery of Eyre's Peninsula, and more particularly described in Schedule C hereto, while remaining an integral part of the Diocese of Adelaide, shall be placed under the episcopal charge of the Bishop of the new Diocese, until such time as the Bishop of Adelaide with the consent of the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide, shall otherwise determine. Provided that not

Eyre's Penin-  
sula to be  
placed in  
charge of the  
Bishop of  
New Diocese



less than twelve months' notice be given of the intention of the Bishop of Adelaide to resume the episcopal charge of Eyre's Peninsula. Provided also that the Adelaide Diocesan Synod may, for such period as it thinks fit, empower the Synod of the new Diocese hereby constituted to make Fundamental Provisions and Regulations not Fundamental for the administration of Eyre's Peninsula. Provided also that the Clerical and Lay Representatives of the Churches in Eyre's Peninsula shall for such period be members of the Synod of the new Diocese, and shall cease to be members of the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide.

Constitution  
of Provisional  
Council

22. Until the formation of an Ecclesiastical Province in South Australia, a provisional Council shall be established, consisting of the Bishop and four Clerical and four Lay Representatives of each Diocese, to be elected once in three years by the Synods thereof. The Bishop of Adelaide, or in his absence or incapacity to act the Bishop of the new Diocese, shall summon such Council to meet once in every year, up to and including the year 1919, and thereafter once in every three years, but such Bishop may summon it oftener and shall do so at the request in writing of a majority of the representatives of either Diocese, shall preside at such meeting, and such Council shall have power to consider matters concerning the ordering and good government of the Church of England in South Australia, and to make recommendations thereon to each Diocesan Synod, and to do all such other things as the Synods of the two Dioceses may from time to time determine.

Ecclesiastical  
Province

23. So soon as three Dioceses shall have been formed in South Australia, then the Synod of each Diocese shall submit proposals to the Primate for the formation of an Ecclesiastical Province, of which the Bishop of Adelaide for the time being shall be Metropolitan.

Revocation

24. This Measure shall not be revoked or altered by the Synod of the new Diocese without the consent of the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide, nor by the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide without the consent of the Synod of the new Diocese.

Short Title

25. This Measure may be cited as "The Diocese of Willochra Measure."

## SCHEDULE A

Schedule A

## Boundaries of the Diocese of Willochra.

Commencing at a point on the east side of Spencer's Gulf, being the N.W. corner of the Hundred of Munderoorra, thence along the northern boundaries of the Hundred of Munderoorra, Redhill, Koolunga, Yackamoorundie, Andrews, and Ayers to the N.E. corner of the said Hundred of Ayers: thence northward along the West boundary of the Hundred of Hallett to the N.W. corner of the said Hundred of Hallett; thence E. to the boundary of the State of N.S.W., thence N. to the boundary of the State of Queensland: thence west along the 26th parallel south latitude being the northern boundary of South Australia to the N.W. corner of the State of South Australia; thence south along the western boundary of the State to the 30th parallel of south latitude, thence east along such parallel of latitude to a point due N. of the northern end of Lake Torrens, thence true south to the northern end of Lake Torrens, thence along the eastern shore of Lake Torrens, and the connecting channel between its southern end and the N.E. corner of the Hundred of Copley: thence W. to N.W. corner of the said Hundred; thence S. along the W. boundary of the said Hundred to its S.W. corner; thence E. along the S. boundary of the said Hundred and its production to the E. shore of Spencer's Gulf; thence generally along the said shore in a S. direction to the point of commencement.

## Schedule B.

Land and properties now vested in the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Adelaide Incorporated held on behalf of and for the benefit of the new Diocese after the enthronement of the first Bishop.

## CHURCH PROPERTIES VESTED IN ADELAIDE SYNOD.

Name of Church.	Particulars of Site.	Reference to Title.
Caltowie—		
S. Mary Magdalene .. .. .	Pt. Sec. 39 Tp. of Caltowie ..	C/T Vol. 342, fol. 134
Cockburn—		
S. Paul's .. .. .	Sec. 40 Tp. of Cockburn .. ..	C/T Vol. 852/120
Crystal Brook—		
S. Silas' .. .. .	Sec. 74, Tp. of Crystal Brook ..	C/T Vol. 514/138
Farina—		
Vacant Land .. .. .	Secs. 71 and 72, Tp. of Farina	C/T Vol. 439/29



Name of Church.	Particulars of Site.	Reference to Title.
Georgetown—		
S. George's .. . . .	Lots 7 & 8, Tp. of Georgetown	C/T Vol. 964/184
Gladstone—		
School .. . . .	Allotm't 22, Tp. of Booyoolie	C/T Vol. 336/4
Vacant Land .. . . .	Allotm't 21, Tp. of Booyoolie	C/T Vol. 330/206
Hergott Springs—		
Vacant Land .. . . .	Sec. 71, Tp. of Maree .. . . .	L/G Vol. 443/64
Jamestown—		
S. James' Parsonage .. . . .	Pt. Sec. 95,, Tp. of Jamestown	C/T Vol. 250/6
Vacant Land .. . . .	Allots. 15 & 16 of Secs. 75 & 96	C/T Vol. 658/128
	Allots. 17 & 18 of Secs. 75 & 96	C/T Vol. 714/2
Laura—		
S. John's and Rectory .. . . .	Sec. 1, Tp. of Laura .. . . .	L/G Vol. 184/208
Vacant Land .. . . .	Sec. 3, Tp. of Laura .. . . .	L/G Vol. 184/237
Little Spring Creek—		
S. Faith's .. . . .	Sec. 254c, Hd. of Gregory .. . . .	L/G Vol. 749/194
Murraytown—		
S. Paul's .. . . .	Allot. 32, Tp. of Murraytown .. . . .	C/T Vol. 985/28
Melrose—		
Holy Trinity .. . . .	Pt. Lot 34, Tp. of Melrose .. . . .	Reg. No. 58, Book 458
Orroroo—		
S. Paul's .. . . .	Pt. Sec. 29, Tp. of Orroroo .. . . .	C/T Vol. 327/45
Vacant land for Parsonage.. . . .	Sec. 28, Tp. of Orroroo .. . . .	C/T Vol. 292/11
Penn (vacant land) .. . . .	Sec. 28, Oodla Wirra .. . . .	L/G Vol. 888/100
Petersburg—		
S. Peters' .. . . .	Allots. 161, 162 Petersburg N.	C/T Vol. 472/6
	Allots. 163, 222 Petersburg N.	C/T Vol. 528/41
Port Augusta West .. . . .	Sec. 264, Tp. of Pt. Augusta W.	C/T Vol. 812/159
Port Germein—		
S. Clement's .. . . .	Allot. 101, Tp. of Port Germein	C/T Vol. 474/17
	Allot. 73, Tp. of Pt. Germein .. . . .	C/T Vol. 518/85
Port Pirie—		
S. Paul's .. . . .	Pt. Sec. 98, Tp. of Pt. Pirie .. . . .	C/T Vol. 608/38
	Ditto.	C/T Vol. 653/88
Parsonage .. . . .	Allots. 204, 205, Tp. Pt. Pirie	
	West Extension .. . . .	C/T Vol. 378/216
	Allot. 209, Tp. of Pt. Pirie	
Quorn—		
S. Matthew's .. . . .	West Extension .. . . .	C/T Vol. 524/135
	Sec. 211, Tp. of Quorn .. . . .	L/G Vol. 298/150
Solomontown—		
S. Barnabas' .. . . .	Lot 160 of Block 1, and others of Sec. 2, Solomontown .. . . .	C/T Vol. 559/13
	This Lot, 160, has just been sold, but not transferred .. . . .	
Ditto—Site of New Church .. . . .	Allot. 98, Tp. of Solomontown	C/T Vol. 828/116
	Allot. 97, Tp. of Solomontown	C/T Vol. 828/114
Tarcowie—		
S. Aidan's .. . . .	Sec. 21, Tp. of Tarcowie .. . . .	L/G Vol. 242/125
Terowie—		
S. John's .. . . .	Lots 27, 28, Tp. Terowie Ex. .. . . .	C/T Vol. 373/117
Wilmington—		
Christ Church .. . . .	Sec. 52, Tp. of Wilmington .. . . .	C/T Vol. 461/143
Parsonage Site .. . . .	Sec. 31, Tp. of Wilmington .. . . .	C/T Vol. 837/84
Warnertown—		
Vacant Land .. . . .	Secs. 58, 59, 74, 75, Tp. of Warnertown .. . . .	C/T Vol. 810/200
Wirrabara—		
S. Margaret's .. . . .	Pt. Secs. 53 and 54, Tp. of Wirrabara .. . . .	C/T Vol. 810/200
Yongala—		
S. Leonard's .. . . .	Secs. 68 and 69, Tp. of Yongala .. . . .	C/T Vol. 305/38

**Schedule C.**

All that portion of the State of South Australia south of the 30th parallel of south latitude west of a line drawn from a point due north of the northern end of Lake Torrens, southwards to the northern end of Lake Torrens, west of the eastern shores of Lake Torrens, and the connecting channel between its southern end and the N.E. corner of the Hundred of Copley; thence west to the N.W. corner of the said Hundred; thence S. along the W. boundary of the said Hundred to its S.W. corner; thence E. along the S. boundary of the said Hundred to the W. shore of Spencer's Gulf; thence generally along the said shore in a S. direction, including the adjacent islands.



The Synod of the Church of England in the  
Diocese of Willochra Incorporated.

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**CONSTITUTION.**

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PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS by "The Diocese of Willochra Measure" passed by the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Adelaide Incorporated it was provided in Clause 17 thereof that "All Fundamental Provisions, Regulations, and Standing Orders of the Adelaide Diocesan Synod which shall be in force in the Diocese of Adelaide at the time of the enthronement of the first Bishop of the new Diocese, shall be binding upon the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the new Diocese, so far as the same may be applicable to, or be capable of being carried out until the same shall be revoked or altered by any Synod of the new Diocese convened by the Bishop thereof": AND WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the regulation, management, and more effectual development of the affairs of the Church in the Diocese of Willochra,

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the premises aforesaid and to secure the said objects, the following CONSTITUTION and CANONS have been agreed upon and adopted for the Government of the said Church by the Right Reverend Gilbert, by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Willochra, by the Reverend the Clergy of the Diocese, whose names and seals are hereunder respectively subscribed and affixed (being respectively Priests and Deacons licensed in the said Diocese) and by the undersigned Lay members representing the respective Churches mentioned opposite their several signatures and seals, in Synod assembled, this 29th day of July, 1915, and are hereby declared to be and are accepted as and for a CONSENSUAL COMPACT between the several parties immediately above noted.

## DECLARATION.

The Diocese of Willochra in South Australia is an integral part of the Church known as "The Church of England in Australia and Tasmania," and accepts and agrees to the Constitution of the General Synod of the said Church. The Synod of the said Diocese declares its adherence to the faith, doctrine, and discipline of the Church of England. It maintains, in particular, the Doctrine and Sacraments of Christ as the Lord hath commanded, and as the said Church of England hath received and explained the same in the Book of Common Prayer, and the ordering of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Synod, as far as the Synod may see fit, from accepting any alteration in the Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, or of the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, or in the version of the Bible, that may from time to time be adopted by the Church of England.

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1. The Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Willochra Incorporated consists of the Bishop, of the Clergy holding a licence from the Bishop, and of Synodsmen being in full communion, elected by the respective Churches or parishes, each Church or parish having the right of representation in such proportion as may be from time to time determined by the Synod. Provided, such Churches or parishes shall severally contribute to the synodal expenses, in such manner as may from time to time be fixed by Synod. Deacons may take part in the discussions, but may not vote thereat. In the event of the death or retirement of the Bishop, and until another Bishop has been duly appointed and consecrated, and has signed the Consensual Compact, the Vicar-General shall preside in Synod, and have the same power in relation to Synod as the Bishop, and such officer shall be styled "President." During a vacancy in the See no part of the Constitution shall be altered, repealed, or added to.

Constitution  
of Synod.

2. The Synod shall have full power from time to time to make a Constitution and Canons for this Dio-

Powers of  
Synod.



cesan Church, not being repugnant to the declaration and preamble prefixed hereto; and such Synod is and shall be the proper Court for the trial of such offences as may be presented to it by the Bishop.

3. The Synod by its title, "The Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Willochra, Incorporated," may hold property which has been or may be conveyed or transferred to it for the general purposes of the Diocese, and also may purchase and hold lands, tenements, and hereditaments in the name of the said Synod, and for the purposes thereof, and may let, sell, or dispose of the same, and execute conveyances and assurances thereof, and also may hold lands under mortgage in trust for any church, parsonage, school-house, or cemetery, or as security for money lent by any institution in connection with the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania.

4. The Bishop shall have power to dissolve the Synod at any time, and shall direct the Election Committee to give notice for a fresh election to take place within three months of such dissolution: Provided that in case of any dissolution, all officers and members of committees appointed by Synod shall hold office until their successors are appointed.

5. The Synod shall meet annually at such time and place as the Bishop may direct, but the Bishop may at any other time and will if the Standing Committee so recommend, when specially requested in writing by ten Synodsmen representing not less than five congregations, and five clergymen in Priest's Orders, convene the Synod.

6. The Bishop shall preside at all such meetings, and whenever the Synod does not vote by orders shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

7. A vote by orders shall be taken to mean the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity voting separately, or, in the absence of the Bishop, the Clergy and Laity voting separately; and no question upon which such a vote shall be taken shall be deemed to be carried unless a majority of each of the Orders—Clergy and Laity—vote in its favour, and the Bishop, if present.

8. No business may be transacted by the Synod unless one-eighth of the whole body be present.

Dissolution  
of Synod.

Meeting of  
Synod.

President  
and Voting.

Voting by  
Orders

Quorum.



9. The Synod shall not make, alter, or repeal any part of the Constitution without notice duly given for a call of the Synod, and the concurrent assent of the Bishop and of at least two-thirds of the Clergy and Synodsmen present respectively voting by orders.

Alteration of  
Constitution.

10. All questions respecting the appropriation of funds within the control of the Synod shall be decided by a majority of the Synod not voting by orders.

Control of  
Funds.

11. At each annual meeting of Synod a Standing Committee and Treasurers shall be appointed to transact such business as may be assigned to them by the Synod, to hold office until their successors be appointed. The Secretary shall be appointed, suspended, or dismissed by the Standing Committee.

Appointment  
of Officers.

12. The accounts, minutes, and all other records of the Synod shall be accessible to the members of the Synod at all reasonable times.

Records  
Accessible.

13. An abstract of receipts and expenditure of all funds under the control of Synod, shall be printed and published annually.

Annual  
Balance Sheet

14. No person shall vote for the election of a Synodsmen for the Church to which he or she may belong unless he or she be a qualified elector thereof, and shall have signed a declaration that he or she is a *bona fide* member of the Church of England and of no other religious body. (See Schedule A.)

Declaration of  
Qualified  
Elector.

15. Electors and Assessors, Synodsmen and the Clergy shall respectively sign the declarations contained in Schedules A, B, and C hereto appended.

Declara-  
tions.

16. The Bishop shall be *ex-officio* a member of all Synod Committees should he desire so to act.

17. The Synod may order a Call of Synod on any question for any day not earlier than one week from the date of such order; and the Secretary shall address circular letters to members, giving information of the question to be debated at such Call.

Call of  
Synod.

18. The words "The Bishop" in this Constitution shall (unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to or inconsistent with such construction) include the Bishop's Commissary.

Bishop's  
Commissary

Schedule A.

## SCHEDULE A.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby declare that I am a member of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania, and belong to no other religious denomination.

(Signature)

Witness—

Schedule B.

## SCHEDULE B.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby declare that I am a member of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania, that I am a communicant of the said Church, and that I belong to no other religious denomination, and that I have received the Holy Communion not less than three times during the preceding twelve months, and I hereby accept the office of Synodsmen, and promise to perform honestly, impartially, faithfully, and to the best of my judgment and ability, the duties of that office.

(Signature)

Witness—

Schedule C.

## SCHEDULE C.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby engage to give up to the Trustees, on demand of the Bishop or Trustees, possession of all the real and personal estate and effects which I may hold or be entitled to by virtue of my office at the time if and when sentenced according to the Constitutions and Canons of the Diocese to deprivation or suspension; and in order to give effect to such sentence I declare that I hold possession of the temporalities above mentioned, real and personal estate and effects, as tenant-at-will of the Ordinary for the time being in case such emergency should arise: and that I will in all other respects conform to and abide by the said Constitution and Canons.

(Signature)

Witness—

## INTERPRETATION.

Qualified  
Elector

1. A qualified elector shall mean any person in a Parish above 21 years of age, and belonging to either sex, provided that they either (1) are actual com-

municants, or (2) have been baptised and confirmed, and are admissable to Holy Communion and do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Church of England, or (3) are such persons as shall be placed on the Roll Book by the Rector and Wardens with the consent of the Bishop in each individual case.

2. Words signifying the masculine gender shall include the feminine, and the singular number shall include the plural. Who Eligible.

3. The words "the Bishop" shall (unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to or inconsistent with such construction) include the Administrator. The Bishop

4. The word "Parish" shall include an United Parish. Parish

5. The Synod shall mean the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Willochra Incorporated unless the context requires a different interpretation. The Synod

6. The Constitution and Canons shall mean the Constitution and Canons of the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Willochra Incorporated for the time being in force. Constitution and Canons

7. Divine Service shall mean service according to the Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church according to the Use of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania. Divine Service





# CANON I.—REGULATING SYNOD.

## PART I—SYNODSMEN.

Churches  
seeking  
recognition by  
Synod

1. Whenever any number of persons professing to belong to the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania shall have formed a congregation worshipping in a building licenced by the Bishop, and shall request to be recognised by Synod, and shall engage by some formal instrument to consent to the Constitution and Canons passed in Synod, the Standing Committee of Synod, if it think fit, shall place such Congregation on a list to be kept of Congregations or Church recognised by Synod, and also may direct the Parish Boundaries Board to assign the boundaries of the district attached thereto, provided that such application be in the form and to the effect of Schedule IA hereto annexed.

Churches  
Seeking  
representation  
in Synod

2. Every Congregation or Church recognized and assessed by Synod which shall show that it has not less than ten Communicants, and that the fee simple of the land whereon the building licenced by the Bishop is erected and is vested, unencumbered, in Synod subject to the trusts and provisions contained in the Constitution and Canons, and shall engage by some formal instrument to submit to and abide by the Constitution and Canons passed in Synod shall be entitled to apply to be placed on the Roll of Churches entitled to send representatives to Synod.

Interpretation

3. In the above Clause 2, a Communicant shall mean a person who has received the Holy Communion not less than three times during the twelve months ending 31st December last preceding the date upon which the Church applying for representation has been placed on the Roll of Churches entitled to send representatives to Synod.

Conditions in  
respect of land

4. That in the case of Churches seeking to send representatives to Synod, the land whereon the Church stands being under the provisions of the Real Property Act, it shall be absolutely necessary that the certificate of title be in the name of "The Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Willochra, Incorporated."

5. Every application to be placed on the said Roll of Churches entitled to send representatives to Synod shall be by memorial to Synod or Standing Committee in the form of Schedule Ib hereto; which memorial shall be referred forthwith to the Election Committee, who shall enquire into the same. The said Election Committee shall after such enquiry present a report to Synod, which may, if it think fit, cause the Church to be placed on the said Roll without delay.

Method of  
placing on  
Roll

6. After any Church shall have been so placed on the said Roll, the Secretary of Synod shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Rector (or Priest-in-charge) and Wardens of such Church. And upon the Wardens of such Church forwarding to the Secretary of Synod a Declaration and Certificate in the form of Schedule Ic, duly signed, the Election Committee shall consider such Declaration and Certificate, and give notice to the Rector (or Priest-in-charge) and Wardens of such Church of the number of Synodsmen the said Church is entitled to elect, which election shall forthwith take place and the result thereof be communicated to the Election Committee in the form of Schedule Id.

First election  
of Synodsmen

7. Churches shall be entitled to elect Synodsmen on the following scale:—

Scale on  
which repre-  
sentation is  
granted

- (a) A Church having not less than Ten nor more than Forty-nine Communicants      One Synodsmen.
- (b) A Church having not less than Fifty nor more than Ninety-nine Communicants      Two Synodsmen.
- (c) A Church having more than Ninety-nine Communicants      Three Synodsmen.

8. For the purpose of ascertaining the number of Synodsmen that any Church may be entitled to elect, a person shall not be deemed a Communicant of such Church unless in the case of a triennial election of Synodsmen he shall have received Holy Communion in such Church not less than three times during the twelve months ending 31st December next preceding such triennial election of Synodsmen, or in any other

Interpretation



case unless he shall have received Holy Communion in such Church not less than three times during the twelve months ending 31st December next preceding the last triennial election of Synodsmen.

Churches now  
on the Roll

9. Every Church now on the said Roll of Churches and now represented in Synod shall be entitled to representation after the passing of this Canon: Provided always that the number of Synodsmen to be elected and returned for any such Church shall be subject to the provisions of Clause 7 of this Canon.

Triennial  
Election of  
Synodsmen

10. Once in every three years every Church on the Roll of Churches entitled to send representatives to Synod shall elect its Synodsmen so soon as may be convenient after Easter day, and the first of such elections shall be held in the year 1917: Provided that no representative of a Church shall take his seat in Synod unless all Synodal assessments due by such Church have been paid.

Declarations  
to be  
forwarded

11. Two months at least before Easter in the year in which the Triennial Election of Synodsmen shall take place, the Wardens of every Church shall forward to the Secretary of Synod a Declaration and Certificate in the form contained in Schedule Ic hereto, signed by the Rector or Priest-in-charge.

Election  
Committee  
to meet

12. One calendar month at least before Easter the said Secretary shall summon the Election Committee and lay such Declaration and Certificate before it, and the said Committee, if satisfied that the same is in order, shall fix the number of Synodsmen each Church is entitled to elect, subject to and on the basis of the provisions contained in Clause 7 hereof, and shall cause notice thereof to be given to the Rector (or Priest-in-charge) and Wardens of such Church.

Election

13. Every Church shall elect its Synodsmen at a meeting duly convened for that purpose, in accordance with the Canons, and the Chairman of such meeting shall forward to the Bishop, at least 21 days before the meeting of Synod, the Certificate of such election in the form contained in Schedule Id. Any return received after that date shall be handed to the Bishop in Synod, and be referred by him to the Election Committee, before the Synodsmen can take his seat;

and the Election Committee shall meet within twenty-four hours after such reference and forthwith report to Synod. Synod may then, if it think fit, admit such representative.

14. At every election of Synodsmen the Chairman shall receive the votes of as many qualified electors present as wish to vote, and the person or persons receiving the majority of votes shall be declared duly elected: Provided that in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote.

Voting at  
Elections

15. If from any cause the wardens of any Church shall not forward to the Secretary of Synod, within the time prescribed, a declaration and certificate in the form of Schedule Ic hereto, or to the like effect, the same may be done at any time thereafter, and the said Secretary, after the receipt thereof, shall summon the Election Committee and lay the said certificate and declaration before it, and such Committee, if satisfied that all prescribed conditions have been complied with, shall forthwith cause notice to be given to the Rector (or Priest-in-charge) and the Wardens of the Church of the number of Synodsmen it is entitled to elect.

Delay in  
forwarding  
Declarations

16. Any lay representative may resign his seat in the Synod by writing under his hand addressed to the Bishop; and from the time when such resignation shall have been received by the Bishop the seat of such member shall be vacant. If any lay representative shall be absent from any session of Synod without the consent of the Bishop, or shall have ceased to be in full communion with the Church of England, or shall have become insolvent, or shall have been convicted of any crime subsequently to his election, his seat shall *ipso facto* become vacant.

Lay Repre-  
sentatives  
may resign

17. When a vacancy in the representation of any Church shall occur through resignation, the Bishop shall, immediately upon the receipt of such resignation, inform the Election Committee thereof, and when any such vacancy shall occur through any other cause it shall be reported by the Rector (or Priest-in-charge) to the Election Committee, and the Election Committee shall thereupon give notice to the Rector (or Priest-in-charge) and Wardens of such

Subsequent  
Election

Church to proceed to a fresh election, and after such election the result thereof shall be communicated to the Election Committee in the form of Schedule Id hereto, within thirty days of the date of such notice; and upon the Election Committee reporting to the Synod the validity of any such election the member elected shall have the right to take his seat subject to the provisions contained in Clause 19 of this Canon.

Dissolution  
of Synod

18. In the event of a dissolution of the Synod by the Bishop, the Secretary of Synod shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Rector (or Priest-in-charge) and the Wardens of every Church entitled to send representatives to Synod, and the said Wardens shall, within two months after the date of dissolution, forward to the Secretary of Synod a declaration and certificate in the form and containing the particulars mentioned in Clause 11, and the Schedule Ic hereto, and signed as required by the said Clause, and within fourteen days after the expiration of such two months the Secretary of Synod shall summon the Election Committee and lay such declaration and certificate before it, and the said Committee, if satisfied that the same is in order, shall cause notice to be given to the Rector (or Priest-in-charge) and the Wardens of the Church to which the same shall relate of the number of Synodsmen such Church is entitled to elect, and the election of such Synodsmen shall take place so soon as convenient thereafter, and all subsequent proceedings shall be held and conducted and returns made and considered by the Election Committee in the same manner as is provided with respect to the triennial election of Synodsmen.

Synodsmen  
to sign  
compact

19. Every Synodsman before he can act, sit, or vote in Synod shall sign the Declaration contained in Schedule B of the Constitution, and shall also sign the Synodal Compact; provided that a Synodsman who has once signed the said compact need not on re-election again sign the same.

Rights of  
Synodsmen

20. Synodsmen may of right speak and vote upon all matters in Synod upon equal terms with the Clergy.



21. Any Synodsman, lay or clerical, may call for a vote by orders on any question, except as provided for in Clause 10 of the Constitution.

Vote by  
Orders

### SCHEDULE IA.

Schedule IA.

Form of memorial requesting to be recognised by Synod as a Congregation or Church.

We, the undersigned members of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania, residing at or near \_\_\_\_\_, having formed a Congregation, worshipping in a building licenced by the Bishop, desire to be recognised by Synod as a Congregation or Church under the title of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, and we hereby engage to submit to and abide by the Constitution and Canons passed in Synod, and forward herewith a certified copy of a resolution to that effect, passed at a meeting of the Congregation held at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_.

### SCHEDULE IB.

Schedule IB.

Memorial requesting to be placed on the Roll of Churches entitled to send representatives to Synod.

We, the undersigned Officers and Members of the Church of \_\_\_\_\_ the said Church having \_\_\_\_\_

Communicants who have communicated not less than three times during the twelve months ending 31st December last preceding in the said Church as shown by the Certificate of the Rector (or Priest-in-charge) of the said Church hereunder written, and having complied with all the prescribed requirements, desire to be represented in Synod. And we hereby engage and submit to and abide by the Constitution and Canons passed in Synod, and forward herewith a certified copy of a resolution to that effect passed at a meeting of the Congregation held at \_\_\_\_\_

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_ And we pray that Synod may place the said Church upon the Roll of Churches entitled to send representatives to Synod.

Schedule IC.

## SCHEDULE IC.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_,  
do hereby certify that the number of persons who  
have communicated not less than three times during  
the twelve months ending 31st December last pre-  
ceding in \_\_\_\_\_ exceeds\*

And I hereby solemnly declare that the above  
Certificate is to the best of my belief a true and  
correct return of Communicants for the purpose of  
representation in Synod.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19

\*9, 49, 99 as the case may be.

Schedule ID.

## SCHEDULE ID.

I certify that at a meeting duly convened and held  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_,  
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
were elected to serve as Synodsmen for the Church  
of \_\_\_\_\_, and I hereby forward  
the declaration (Schedule B) as required by Clause  
15 of the Constitution.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_.

Chairman.

## PART II.—SYNOD.

Divine  
Service.

22. At the commencement of every session the  
members of the Synod shall attend Divine service,  
when the Bishop shall, if he think fit, deliver a  
pastoral address.

Synodal  
Roll

23. When Synod has reassembled for the dispatch  
of business the Bishop shall present a roll bearing  
his signature, and containing the names of the Clergy  
holding his licence, and of the duly-elected Lay  
Synodsmen, and this shall be the Synodal Roll for  
that year, subject nevertheless to such alterations as  
may be made on appeal to the Synod. Provided  
always that no person shall be reckoned a member  
of Synod or take his seat therein until he has signed  
the Synodal Compact, and if he be a Layman the  
declaration contained in Schedule B to the  
Constitution.



24. The Standing Committee shall deliver their report for the past year, with statements of accounts duly audited. Report of  
Standing  
Committee

25. At each annual meeting of Synod the Standing Committee and Treasurer or Treasurers shall be elected by ballot. Election of  
Standing  
Committee

26. Notices of motion shall then be given and business proceeded with in accordance with the Standing Orders. Notices  
of Motion

27. At the first session of every Synod an Election Committee shall be appointed and hold office until its successors are elected. And whenever any Church or Congregation recognised by Synod, shall by memorial, pray Synod to recognise it as a parish or part of an united parish, and (or) grant it representation in Synod, such memorial shall be referred to the Election Committee, to whom all elections of Synodsmen shall also be referred; and the said Committee shall enquire into the regularity of such memorials and the validity of all such elections, and shall take such evidence and call for the production of such deeds, books, and papers as the said Committee shall think necessary to determine either of the matters aforesaid, and in such enquiry the said Committee shall be guided by the real justice and substantial merits of each case without regard to legal forms and solemnities. There shall be an appeal from the decision or determination of the Election Committee to the Synod. If the said Committee or Synod in appeal shall decide that any election of such Synodsmen is invalid the parish or congregation shall forthwith proceed to a fresh election of Synodsmen. On the eighth day preceding the annual meeting of Synod the Election Committee shall present their report to the Bishop, or some person deputed by him in writing, who shall then sign it, and declare that the persons whose names are contained therein are the elected members of Synod, and the report, after it has been so signed, shall be conclusive evidence to show who are the duly elected members of Synod, subject, nevertheless, to such alterations as may be made on appeal to Synod as hereinbefore provided. Election  
Committee

Business  
must be  
completed.

28. No session of Synod shall be closed until the business thereof shall have been disposed of.

### PART III.—ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

The Admin-  
istrator

29. In case of the absence of the Bishop from the Diocese the powers by the Constitution vested in him shall, subject to the provisions of Clause 46 hereunder, be exercised by an Administrator appointed by him in writing, and in case no such Administrator shall have been appointed by him, or in the event of his death, resignation, or incapacity from ill-health or mental derangement, such powers shall be exercised by the person who shall be next to the Bishop in ecclesiastical rank or degree, holding office in the Diocese, until the return or recovery of the Bishop, or the assumption of office by his successor.

Call of  
Synod

30. On the vacancy of the See by death or otherwise, the Administrator, or, failing him, the Senior Clergyman of the Diocese in ecclesiastical rank shall cause to be made a call of Synod to meet within two calendar months from the date of summons.

First Order  
of the Day

31. The Synod having assembled, the Synod Roll shall be called over, after which the Administrator shall announce that a vacancy of the See has occurred, and shall state the cause thereof. Synod shall thereupon without any question put, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the mode of filling the vacancy, and during the deliberations of the Committee only members and officers of the Synod shall be allowed to be present. At the close of the proceedings the Chairman shall report to Synod. The Synod shall then proceed with the appointment of a Bishop as herein provided. The question, "Shall this Synod proceed to the election of a Bishop?" shall be the first order of the day to be disposed of. If considered advisable, the Synod may by vote of the majority of members present, at any subsequent stage of proceedings under this Canon, resolve itself into a committee of the whole to further consider the matter and to report to Synod.

32. If decided in the negative the question shall then be put—"Shall this Synod memorialise His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury to appoint or recommend conjointly with some other Bishop or Bishops to be named by this Synod, a fit and proper person to be the Bishop of this See?" If decided in the affirmative, the notice of such delegation shall be forwarded to the Primate to obtain approval, as provided in Clause 2, Rule 1, Determination No. 1, made by General Synod, October 25, 1872.

Memorial  
to the  
Archbishop  
of Canter-  
bury.

33. If decided in the negative the question shall then be put—"Shall this Synod memorialise the Primate with his comprovincial Bishops to appoint or recommend such Bishop?"

Memorial to  
Primate

34. If the question be affirmed—"That this Synod do proceed to the election of a Bishop"—the Clergy in the exercise of their privilege shall forthwith through the Administrator, or failing him, the Senior Clergyman of the Diocese in ecclesiastical rank, place before Synod the name of some person or persons (not more than three in all) being in Priest's Orders and of the age of fully thirty years, or of some Bishop eligible for the vacant See.

Procedure of  
the Election

35. The said name or names shall without delay be considered by the Synodsmen in Committee, sitting by themselves, who shall have the right of adding other name or names (not more than three in all) to the list proposed by the Clergy.

36. A conference if requested by either order on the list returned to the Clergy, with or without addition, shall then be held by delegates equal in number and chosen by both orders separately, the object of such conference being if possible to reduce the number of names to be balloted for by Synod.

37. On the reassembling of the Synod the names retained on the list shall be balloted for by the Clergy entitled to vote and the Synodsmen, and every name which shall fail to obtain one-fifth of the votes of such Clergy and Synodsmen present, voting by orders, shall be struck off.

38. The balloting shall be continued unless one of the names shall have obtained two-thirds of the votes



as aforesaid, and the person obtaining such number shall be the Bishop elect.

39. Should no such proportion of votes be given for any one of the names on the list, then a second ballot shall take place, and the person whose name shall secure three-fifths of the votes of each order as before provided shall be the Bishop elect.

40. If none of the persons balloted for obtain such a majority, then it shall be competent for the Clergy entitled to vote, and the Synodsmen in like manner, by a majority of those present and voting by orders, to put in nomination a second time any person who shall have been nominated previously by either order or any other qualified person.

Failure to  
elect

41. Should no such election as required in Clauses 34 to 40 of this Canon be made within ten calendar months from the meeting of Synod. or twelve months from the date of the call, the appointment shall lapse *pro hac vice* to the Primate, or Metropolitan when there shall be a Metropolitan, and be made as hereinbefore provided.

Refusal of the  
See

42. If the person elected shall decline to accept the See, the Synod shall proceed *de novo* as before.

Report to the  
Primate

43. The Chairman shall report the result of the election to the Primate, or Metropolitan when there shall be a Metropolitan.

Consecration  
of the Bishop-  
elect

44. The election having been duly made by the Synod, shall be confirmed, and the person elected shall be consecrated as provided in Rules Nos. 1 and 2, Determination No. 1, made by General Synod, October 25, 1872. Provided that in all cases the Bishop shall take the oath of canonical obedience to the Primate, or Metropolitan when there shall be a Metropolitan, and make a declaration that he accepts as binding on himself the Determinations of the General Synod as have been accepted by this Diocese, as well as the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese.

Declaration  
of the  
Bishop-elect

45. Any Bishop elected shall either before his consecration, or, if already consecrated, before exercising any episcopal function in the Diocese, sign and subscribe the following declaration:—



I, A.B., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Willochra,  
do promise that I will maintain and teach the  
doctrine and discipline of the Church of England as  
acknowledged and received by the Synod of the  
Diocese of Willochra; and I consent to be bound by  
all the Constitution and Canons of the Synod now  
or hereafter in force; and I hereby undertake  
immediately to resign the said Bishopric, and all the  
rights and emoluments appertaining thereto, if  
sentence requiring such resignation shall at any  
time be passed upon me after due examination had,  
by the Tribunal acknowledged by the said Synod, for  
the trial of a Bishop in accordance with the  
Determinations of the General Synod. Given under  
my hand this    day of    19 .

46. The assent of the Bishop or the President for the time being of the Synod shall not be necessary to any resolution approving the nomination of a Bishop to the See, or affecting his election thereto, if passed by a majority of the Clergy and of the Laity then present.

## PART IV.—THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

47. The Standing Committee shall consist of the Bishop, the Archdeacon or Archdeacons, the Chancellor, Hon. Treasurer or Treasurers, three Clerical and six Lay members, the Bishop, when present, presiding; five members to form a quorum.

48. The Standing Committee shall meet quarterly <sup>Meetings</sup> Quarterly or oftener if necessary. .

49. The Standing Committee shall be authorised to fill up such vacancies as may from time to time occur in the various Committees appointed by Synod, provided that Synod be not in Session, and that no special provision be made for the filling up of such vacancies.

50. It shall also be the duty of the Standing Committee, when the Synod is not in session, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, subject to any general or special direction of Synod, to do all or any of the following things, that is to say:—

(a) To manage and administer all the real and personal property held by the Synod or

by any person or Corporation in trust for the Synod.

- (b) To purchase any real or personal property as they may think fit for the purposes of the Church or of the Diocese.
- (c) To sell, mortgage, lease, or otherwise deal with any real or personal property held by the Synod, or by any person or Corporation in trust for the Synod.
- (d) To manage and to administer any funds raised or received for the purposes of the Diocese, including any special grants permanently or temporarily intrusted to its disposal by the Bishop, Synod, or by any person.
- (e) And generally to take such action in all matters which may from time to time be referred or delegated to them by Synod, as appears necessary or expedient.

Financial  
Board

51. The Standing Committee shall elect from its members an honorary Financial Board, which shall transact such business connected with the funds and property of the Synod, or with funds and property held in trust by the Synod, as the Standing Committee shall direct. The Board shall consist of two Clergymen and three Laymen, who shall hold office subject to the pleasure of the Standing Committee. Any member of the Board ceasing to be a member of Standing Committee shall also cease to hold office on the Board. Any vacancies which shall occur from any cause shall be immediately filled up by Standing Committee.

## PART V.—THE CORPORATE SEAL.

Authorities.

52. The Synod shall authorise seven of its members to use the Common Seal of the Corporation. One of these shall be the Bishop of Willochra for the time being, and of the other six at least two shall be Clergymen and three shall be Laymen, and these six shall be elected from time to time by Synod. The election shall be by ballot after nomination, the members nominated having before the nomination

signified their willingness to act if elected. Of the seven members authorised to use the Seal three shall be sufficient to countersign any deed, instrument, or document to which the Seal shall be fixed.

53. The Synod may, by resolution, from time to time withdraw from any one or more of the elected persons for the time being authorised to use the Common Seal of the Synod his authority and rescind his appointment and cancel his election, and whenever there shall be in fact fewer than six elected persons authorised to use such Seal the Synod may elect, in accordance with Clause 52 of this Canon, some other person or persons to use the Seal.

Withdrawal  
of Authorities

54. Whenever there shall be in fact fewer than seven but not fewer than three persons duly authorised to use the Common Seal of the Synod, the remaining persons may notwithstanding such diminution in the original number continue, and they are hereby authorised to use the said seal: Provided that this rule shall not derogate from the power given to any three to use the Seal.

Minimum of  
Three.

55. The Standing Committee shall have power to authorise the Seal of the Corporation to be affixed to a conveyance to Synod upon trust and other deed or declaration of trust, as the case may require, in all instances where the trusts are those contained in the constitution and canons. (Provided that this clause shall not apply to any Church properties already vested in trusts which preclude them from conforming to the provisions of the constitution and canons), the officers of the Churches having previously agreed to accept the same, and shall also have power to authorise the said Seal to be affixed to any conveyance, transfer, lease, or other deed or document which may be necessary to give effect to, and carry out any sale or lease made in pursuance of the provisions contained in the said constitution and canons.

Standing  
Committee to  
authorise use  
of Seal.

56. The members authorised to use the Common Seal of the Corporation shall present to Synod, at its annual session, a report on their use of the Seal during the year preceding.

Report of  
use of Seal.



## PART VI.—THE MODE OF MAKING, ALTERING, OR REPEALING CANONS.

Leave to be  
obtained.

57. Every measure for a new Canon, or for the repeal or amendment of any existing Canon, shall be introduced by a motion for leave to bring it in, specifying its general object, and the member having obtained leave shall hand in to the Secretary, immediately upon such leave, the said measure, in duplicate, signed by the mover, and at least one other member of Synod.

Measure  
may be  
printed.

58. On leave being given it shall be competent for any member of Synod to move that the measure be printed and circulated amongst members before being further proceeded with. If such motion be affirmed, the Synod shall thereupon order the time for proceeding with the measure. If no such motion be affirmed, it shall be in order to move, "That the measure be now read," and upon such motion the whole measure may be debated.

Title to be  
read.

59. Should the question, "That the measure be now read," be resolved in the affirmative, the title only shall be read, and the Synod shall without a question put resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the measure.

Committee  
to report  
to Synod.

60. At the close of the proceedings of a Committee on a measure, the Chairman shall report the same to the Synod, and if no amendments have been made, the adoption of the report may be at once moved; but if amendments have been made, a future time shall be appointed for the consideration of the report, and the amendments shall in the meantime be printed and circulated, unless the Synod shall otherwise determine.

Measure  
may be  
recommitted.

61. On the motion for the adoption of the report, the measure may on motion be recommitted. If the measure be reported after recommitment without amendments, the adoption of the report may be immediately moved. But if further amendments have been made a future time shall be appointed for the consideration of the report, and the amendment shall in the meantime be printed and circulated, unless the Synod otherwise determine.

62. The adoption of the report having been carried by the Synod, the President shall declare the measure to be passed, unless he, in the exercise of his judgment, shall declare that a call of Synod must be made to finally confirm the passing of the said measure. At the call of Synod the question shall be put—"That this measure be now passed," which question shall admit of discussion but not of amendment.

Measure  
may be  
passed.

63. The Bishop for the Synod may order a "Call of Synod" for the purposes of confirming a proposed alteration to any Canon or the addition of a new Canon: Provided that the meeting to confirm a proposed alteration in or addition to the Constitution shall be held at a date not less than six months after the meeting at which it was passed. The Secretary shall address circular letters to members, giving information of the question to be debated at such Call.

Call of Synod  
to confirm  
alterations.

Date of Call  
of Synod.

64. No Canon shall be repealed or amended, nor shall any new Canon be made, in the absence of the Bishop or during the vacancy of the See. The expression "The Bishop" in this Canon shall not include "The Bishop's Commissary" or any other ecclesiastical officer, anything in any Canon to the contrary notwithstanding. This shall not extend to Canon iii.

Bishop must  
be present.

65. Whenever any part of the Constitution or of a Canon is made, altered, or repealed, the President of Synod shall certify the same in a form to the following effect:—

Certificate of  
alteration or  
repeal.

I certify that Clause No.                      of Canon No.                       
(or as the case may be) was made (or if altered, show  
how altered or repealed, as the case may be) by the  
Synod of the Diocese of Willochra, and assented to  
on the                      day of                      19                      , and  
(if so) confirmed at a Call of Synod held on the  
   day of                      19                      .

AS WITNESS my hand this

day of

19                      .

President.

And every such certificate shall show a fair copy of the part of the Constitution or clause so made, altered, or repealed, and shall be entered up in a separate book to be kept for that purpose.

## PART VII.—ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

66. The election shall be held annually at the meeting of Synod immediately after the election of Assessors.

67. It shall be by ballot after nomination (the candidates having consented to act if elected).

68. There shall be nominated at least two names respectively of Clergymen and Laymen more than the number of representatives which the Diocese is entitled to send.

69. Those who have the largest number of votes shall be the Representatives, whether Clerical or Lay, up to the number which the Diocese is entitled to send.

70. The two persons whose names stand next on the Clerical and Lay lists respectively shall, according to their places on the poll, be those authorised to act in case any vacancy shall occur.

## PART VIII.—GENERAL SYNOD DETERMINATIONS.

71. The Determinations of General Synod, mentioned and described in the Schedule to this Canon, shall be deemed to have been duly and legally accepted by this Synod, and to be of full force and effect in the Diocese of Willochra.

### THE SCHEDULE.

1872	Determinations	1, 2, and 3.
1876	"	1.
1881	"	1 (except clause 6).
1886	"	1 and 2.
1891	"	1 to 6 inclusive.
1896	"	1 to 4 inclusive.
1900	"	1 to 5 inclusive.
1905	"	1 to 6 inclusive, and 8 to 11 inclusive.
1910	"	2 to 6 inclusive.

Election  
annual.

By ballot.

Two  
Emergencies.



## CANON II.—REGULATING FUNDS.

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1. There shall be General Church Funds to be appropriated by the Synod towards the support and extension of the ministrations of the Church, especially in the remote and thinly populated portions of the Diocese. Special donations to be applied in accordance with the wishes of the subscribers.

General  
Funds

### PART I.—WILLOCHRA SEE ENDOWMENT FUND.

2. The present and future property of the See of Willochra hereinafter referred to as "The Willochra See Endowment Fund" or "the said Fund," shall be vested in the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Willochra, Incorporated, and shall be administered by the Standing Committee thereof upon the trusts herein contained.

Property to  
be vested in  
Synod

3. Until the death or resignation of The Right Reverend Gilbert, the present Lord Bishop of Willochra, the income to be derived from the property of the said Fund to the extent of not less than six hundred pounds a year, including travelling expenses, and in addition house rent to the extent of seventy-five pounds if no residence is appointed, shall be paid to the said Bishop, and, after his death or resignation, to his successors in that office. If the income so to be derived shall in any one year amount to a sum less than the said six hundred pounds or six hundred and seventy-five pounds per annum as above, the deficiency shall be a first charge upon the income derived in subsequent years.

Application  
of the income  
of the pro-  
perty of the  
See

4. The surplus income, if any, to be derived from the said Fund, after payment to the Bishop of Willochra of his said stipend, may be applied in and towards:—

Surplus  
income

The augmenting of the Willochra See Endowment Fund (referred to in Clause 13 of "The Diocese of Willochra Measure" as "the Northern Bishopric Fund") until the capital of that Fund reaches the sum of seventeen thousand pounds, thereafter the

providing of retiring allowances for the Bishops of Willochra, or the augmentation of the income of the Bishops of Willochra.

Any surplus income unapplied as aforesaid shall be capitalised and invested, and so form part of the property of the See of Willochra.

Definition of  
net income

5. The expression "Income to be derived from the property of the said Fund" shall mean the net income derived from the property of the See, after the payment of all necessary expenses attending the management of the said property, legal expenses, and other charges, such as rates, taxes, or other impositions.

Stipend of  
administrator.

6. During any vacancy in the See of Willochra, the Administrator of the See, during such period as he shall be actually engaged in the administration of the said See, shall be paid out of the said income, a stipend calculated at the rate of five hundred pounds a year, which includes allowance for travelling expenses: Provided that, under no circumstances, shall such Administrator receive a stipend under this provision for a longer period than twelve calendar months.

Investments

7. All moneys liable to be invested under the foregoing provisions may be invested in any of the authorised investments mentioned in "The Trustee Act, 1893," or any Act of Parliament in force for the time being passed in amendment of or substitution for the said Act, and such investments may be varied from time to time.

Power of  
Sale

8. The Synod, or the Standing Committee thereof, may purchase property or sell, lease, exchange, or partition all or any part of the property of the said Fund, and upon such sale no purchaser shall be bound to inquire into the propriety or regularity thereof, or be affected by express notice that any such sale is improper or irregular.

Effect of  
deprivation  
of a Bishop  
of Willochra

9. If any Bishop of Willochra shall be lawfully deprived of his said office and dignity of Bishop of the See, the See shall, immediately on the pronouncing of such sentence of deprivation, be vacant, and the Bishop so deprived shall, from the date of his deprivation, have no claim for or in respect of his

stipend, which would, but for such deprivation, have accrued after that date. And upon such deprivation, the Bishop so deprived shall to all intents and purposes cease to be Bishop of Willochra, and shall peaceably hand over and deliver up possession to the Standing Committee of Synod, or to such person as the said Committee may appoint, all real and personal property belonging to the said Fund of which he may be in occupation or which may be in his possession or under his control.

10. The Synod shall have power to alter, revoke or add to any of the trusts herein contained, and any trust made under this present power.

Alteration  
of trusts

11. The Synod shall have power to make Rules and Regulations as to how the foregoing trusts shall be administered by the Standing Committee.

Rules and  
regulations

12. At the annual meeting of Synod the Standing Committee shall present accounts showing how the Fund has been administered during the preceding twelve months.

Accounts

13. This Part I., Clauses 2-14, shall not come into operation until a date to be fixed by the Standing Committee of Synod, and notified in the forthcoming issue of "The Willochran."

Operation of  
this part

14. The consent of the Bishop of Willochra and of the Synod to be bound by the foregoing trusts is expressed by the signature and seal of the said Bishop, and the affixing of the seal of the Synod to the following declaration:—

The consent  
of the Bishop  
and of the  
Synod

I, **Gilbert**, by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Willochra, do, and the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Willochra Incorporated doth, hereby accept and agree to be bound by the foregoing trusts as the trusts upon which the property of the Willochra See Endowment Fund shall be administered.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by **Gilbert**, Lord Bishop of Willochra, in the presence of—

.....



Sealed with the common Seal of the Synod of the Church of England in the Diocese of Willochra, Incorporated by—

.....  
.....  
.....

being persons duly authorised to affix the said Seal.

**PART II.—SYNODAL ASSESSMENT  
REGULATIONS.**

15. The Assessment shall be based on the ordinary annual revenue, of the church or congregation recognised by Synod, for expenses and stipends derived from:—

- (1) Offerings in church.
- (2) Direct giving.
- (3) Other sources.

16. A list of the churches or congregations recognised by Synod to be assessed shall be annually prepared by Standing Committee. All churches and congregations whose assessable amount, as returned to Synod, does not exceed £20 shall be excused assessment.

17. In all cases in which there shall arise any doubt, question, or dispute as to the proper amount which shall be assessed as to the parochial revenue of any church or congregation recognised by Synod for any year, or as to any moneys which are alleged to constitute part thereof, the Standing Committee shall determine all such doubts, questions, or disputes, and every such determination shall be final, subject only to an appeal to Synod in its session next succeeding such determination.

18. For the purposes of this Canon a special return according to Column H of financial return, see Schedule “B” appended to Canon IV, shall be made each year, and the word “year” shall mean each period of twelve calendar months preceding the 1st day of April in each year. The return shall be made during each month of April for the year ending 31st March next preceding. In the event of any church or congregation recognised by

Basis of  
Assessment.

Churches  
assessable.

Disputed  
assessments.

Returns:  
when to be  
made.

Synod failing to make a return for any year, the Standing Committee shall in such case have the power to fix the assessment at such amount as they shall deem just.

19. The Standing Committee is empowered to call on each Incumbent and all Churchwardens and other persons to produce all such books of account, papers, and documents, and to make all such returns as shall in the opinion of the Standing Committee, or any quorum thereof, be necessary or useful to enable them to make the assessment in any year.

Production of Books, etc., if required.

20. The amount of the assessment of each church or congregation shall become payable immediately on the confirmation of the assessment by Synod.

When payable.

21. Notice of the amount at which each church or congregation is assessed for any year shall be posted by the Secretary of Synod separately to the Incumbent or other Clergyman in charge, and (or) the Churchwardens of each church or congregation forthwith after the Standing Committee shall have made the assessment; and each appeal against an assessment, setting forth all the grounds of such appeal, must reach the Church Office within one calendar month after the posting by the Secretary of the notice of the assessment, and such appeal must be made in the form of Schedule IIA appended.

Notice of Assessment.

Appeal.

22. The Standing Committee shall consider all appeals (received in due time) and the grounds thereof, and shall report thereon to the Synod at its next meeting, and shall in such report state the course which it recommends Synod to pursue.

Report on Appeals.

23. The Standing Committee shall have power to disburse the sum collected on the assessment for Synodal expenses.

Disbursement.

24. The amount of assessment if not paid according to the above rules may be deducted by the Standing Committee from the grant-in-aid, if any, from Synod.

If not paid.

25. If a Church neglects or refuses to pay such assessment for six months after notice that it is due the Standing Committee shall report the same to the next Synod, and such Synod may exclude the Church from the benefit of representation after motion to

Neglect or refusal to pay.

that effect has been duly passed in Synod: Provided that any Church so excluded may recover the benefit of representation upon payment of all arrears of assessment, or upon such terms as the Synod shall determine.

Schedule IIa.

SCHEDULE IIa.

THE SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
IN THE DIOCESE OF WILLOCHRA,  
INCORPORATED.

*Form of Appeal—Synodal Assessment.*

We, the undersigned, officers of.....  
Church, having received notice that the Assessment of  
for the year is £ : : ,  
hereby appeal against such Assessment and request that  
it may be altered to £ : : , on the following  
grounds:—

Signature of Clergyman

Signature of Churchwardens

PART III.—GRANT-IN-AID REGULATIONS.

Qualification.

26. Churches recognised by Synod which contribute not less than £50 per annum to their clergyman's stipend shall, on application to the Standing Committee of Synod, be placed on the list of Churches (hereinafter called the Grant-in-Aid List) entitled to receive Grant-in-Aid.

Application.

27. Applications to be placed on the Grant-in-Aid List shall be made in the form of Schedule IIb to these Regulations, and shall be dealt with by Standing Committee in the order in which they are received.

Payment only if funds available.

28. No Church hereafter placed on the Grant-in-Aid List shall receive any payment unless or until the funds available are sufficient to pay its grant with the grants of all Churches previously on the list at the rate of at least 75% of the full scale contained in Clause 33 hereunder.

Grant limited to 15 years.

29. The period during which a Church shall be entitled to receive Grant-in-Aid shall be fifteen years, to be computed from the date of commencement of the first half-year, in respect of which a grant is paid,



but these fifteen years shall not include any year or portion of a year for which from any cause a grant may not be claimed or paid.

30. Any Church in receipt of Grant-in-Aid failing to maintain the minimum contribution of £50 per annum towards the stipend of its clergymen for three consecutive half-years may be removed from the Grant-in-Aid list by the Standing Committee, but may make fresh application in the form of Schedule IIB hereto, to be replaced on the said list when the requirements of Clause 26 have been complied with, and on such application being granted such Church shall be placed at the end of the said list.

Minimum stipend.

31. Grants-in-Aid shall be in respect of the incomes of the Clergy for the half-years ending 30th June and 31st December in each year. Applications for grants shall be made in the form of Schedule IIC hereto. Unless an application for a grant be received within one month after the expiration of the half-year it shall be assumed that the clergyman requires no grant for that half-year.

Grants available half yearly.

32. Grants shall be in aid of the stipends of the clergyman holding the licence of the Bishop to the Church in respect of which the grant is made, and shall be calculated upon the amount of stipend actually received by the clergyman from such Church in any half-year, from:—

How calculated.

- (a) Offerings, including Easter offerings.
- (b) Stipend Fund, raised by the parish.
- (c) Seat Rents.

33. Grants-in-Aid shall be made according to the following scale, provided that if the funds at the disposal of Synod are insufficient therefor a *pro rata* reduction shall be made:—

Scale.

- (a) For the first five years:—

For a stipend of

£50 per annum, 8s. in £ and 6s. 6d. additional for every £ to £75.

£75 per annum, £28 2s. 6d. and 5s. 10d. additional for every £ to £100.

£100 per annum, £35 8s. 4d. and 4s. 2d. additional for every £ to £125.

£125 per annum, £40 12s. 6d. and 3s. 6d. additional for every £ to £150.

£150 per annum, £45 and 2s. 6d. additional for every £ to £175.

£175 per annum, £48 2s. 6d. and 1s. 6d. additional for every £ to £200.

Beyond which there shall be no grant.

(b) For the second five years the above scale less 25%.

(c) For the third five years the above scale less 50%.

Exceptions.

34. Any Clergyman in receipt of assistance from the Home Mission Fund shall not be entitled to receive Grant-in-aid in respect of the Church for which such assistance is given.

35. If a Clergyman be engaged in tuition, half the amount received by him for such tuition shall be deducted from the amount payable to him under the above scale.

Maximum Grant.

36. The maximum half-yearly grant to each individual Clergyman shall be £25.

Endowment affects Grant.

37. Where a Church is endowed under the General Synodal Endowment of Churches Fund to a capital value of £500, the Clergyman shall not receive any Grant-in-Aid in respect of that Church. Where a Church is endowed to a less capital value than £500, a deduction of an amount equivalent to the endowment interest shall be made from the Grant-in-Aid in respect of that Church.

Conditions if more than one Church.

38. If two or more Churches on the Grant-in-Aid List form one Cure, the Grant-in-Aid in respect of each Church shall be at the above rate, provided a service be given each Sunday in each Church by the Clergyman, or where on account of distance two services are held at each Church on alternate Sundays, with the written approval of the Bishop, or where the services are fortnightly, or where also with the written approval of the Bishop on account of distance two services are held in the same Church on one

Sunday in the month, the Grant-in-Aid shall be reckoned at half the rate, and so on. (For the purposes of this Regulation an early celebration of the Holy Communion shall be taken to constitute a service.)

39. If a Church on the Grant-in-Aid List, together with one or more Churches not on the Grant-in-Aid List form one Cure, and on account of distance, two services are held in that Church on alternate Sundays with the written approval of the Bishop, the Grant-in-Aid in respect of that Church shall be at the above rate.

40. No grant shall be payable to any Clergyman unless and until the Home Mission Fund collection in the Church for which the grant is claimed has been made and paid to the Secretary of Synod. H.M.F. Collection must first be paid.

41. The Synodal Assessment, if not paid, may be deducted from the Grant-in-Aid. Dues may be deducted.

42. No Church that has for the term of fifteen years received Grant-in-Aid under any regulations heretofore in force, shall be placed on the said list of Churches entitled to receive Grant-in-Aid.

43. Any Church at the passing hereof receiving Grant-in-Aid under any regulations heretofore in force, shall be entitled to continue to receive the same under such regulations, until such Church shall have received Grant-in-Aid for a total term of fifteen years, and any extension thereof already granted, and shall thereafter cease to be so entitled to receive the same.

## SCHEDULE IIb.

Schedule IIb.

### THE SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THE DIOCESE OF WILLOCHRA, INCORPORATED.

#### *Grants-in-Aid of Clerical Incomes.*

To the Standing Committee of Synod,  
We, the undersigned Minister and Churchwardens  
of \_\_\_\_\_ Church,



being a Church recognised by Synod, and contributing not less than £50 per annum towards its Clergyman's stipend, hereby apply to have the said Church placed on the list of Churches entitled, subject to the Regulations, to receive Grant-in-Aid, and we hereby declare that at a meeting of the Vestry (or members the congregation) of the said Church held on the                      day of                      19   ,  
the following resolution was passed:—

Moved by

Seconded by

and carried—That                      Church  
being a Church recognised by Synod, and contributing not less than £50 per annum towards the stipend of its Clergyman, apply to the Standing Committee of Synod to place the said Church on the list of Churches entitled, subject to the Regulations, to receive Grant-in-Aid.

Signature of Minister.

Signatures of  
Churchwardens.



## SCHEDULE IIc.

Schedule IIc.

THE SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
IN THE DIOCESE OF WILLOCHRA,  
INCORPORATED.

*Grant-in-Aid Regulations.*

Form to be filled up by Clergymen applying for  
Grant-in-Aid for the Half-year ending the  
day of 19 .

Name of Church.	Amount received under the General Synodal Endowment of Churches Fund.	Amount received by Minister for Tuition during Half-year.	No. of Sunday Services held during Half-year as per other side.	Amount received by Minister as Stipend for Half-year.	Amount Collected for Home Mission Fund, and Date of Last Collection.	Grant from the Bishop's Home Mission Society.
			(a) By Clergyman—  (b) By Lay Readers	From— (a) Offerings including Easter Offerings .. .. . £ : : (b) Stipend Fund raised by the Church .. .. . £ : : (c) Seat Rents .. .. . £ : : Total .. £ . :		

Certified correct,

Minister.  
Churchwardens.

## PART IV.—SPECIAL FUNDS.

44. Sermons shall be preached and collections made yearly throughout the Diocese—for the Clergy Widow and Orphan Fund, during the quarter ending 30th June; for the Home Mission Fund, during the

Annual  
Collections  
for certain  
funds

quarter ending 30th September; and for Missions to the Heathen, during the quarter ending 31st December; notwithstanding it shall be in the power of the Standing Committee to excuse any congregations as they may think fit for making the collections in any given year.

Notice of  
Collections.

45. The Rector or Priest-in-charge shall give at least one week's notice of these collections, and the collections shall be made on the Sundays named at the morning and evening services, or if there be only one service, a collection shall be made at that service. Churches in which services are not held every Sunday, desiring exemption, must apply to the Standing Committee.

Church  
Central  
Fund

46. Every Church or parish liable (under Part II. above) to be assessed shall, towards the maintenance of a Central Church Fund, pay annually to the Secretary of Synod, a levy at the rate of sixpence in the £ on the ordinary annual revenue in respect of which such Church or parish shall be assessed. See Column "H," Schedule "B," appended to Canon IV. (Financial Return.)

47. Clauses 20, 24 and 25 above shall apply to every such levy.

Clergy  
Superannua-  
tion Fund

48. Every Clergyman on admission to the Diocese shall become a Member of the Clergy Superannuation Fund, established in the Diocese of Adelaide, and comply with the Rules of the said Fund, and shall continue to be a member of the said Fund so long as he shall hold the Bishop's Licence, unless the Standing Committee of Synod shall, with the consent of the Bishop, grant him exemption from joining or continuing a member of the said Fund.

Clergy  
Superannua-  
tion Fund  
Levy.

49. Every Church or parish liable (under Part II. above) to be assessed, shall pay annually to the Secretary of Synod, a levy at such rate as shall produce an amount equal to the sum of £3 16s. 4d. for each member holding the Bishop's licence, and annuitant, of the Clergy Annuity Fund, and also an amount equal to one-half of the total sum of the full premiums payable for the current year in respect of all the members of the Clergy Superannuation Fund who may hold the Bishop's licence, and also such an amount as shall be required to pay such



portion as the Standing Committee of the Synod may direct, of the premiums to Funds approved by the Standing Committee of the Synod, for providing annuities similar to those granted by the Clergy Widow and Orphan Fund and the Clergy Superannuation Fund of the Diocese of Adelaide, which may be due by Clergymen who hold the licence of the Bishop of Willochra and who were members of such Funds previous to receiving the licence of the Bishop of Willochra, and the amount thus contributed shall be applied as follows:—

- (a) To the income of the said Clergy Annuity Fund an amount which shall be equal to the sum of £3 16s. 4d. for each member holding the Bishop's licence, and annuitant, of the said Clergy Annuity Fund.
- (b) To the Clergy Superannuation Fund an amount equal to one-half of the total sum of the full premiums payable for the current year in respect of all members of the said Clergy Superannuation Fund who may hold the Bishop's licence.
- (c) To such other Funds, approved by the Standing Committee of the Synod, such portions of the premiums due by Clergymen who may hold the licence of the Bishop of Willochra as the Standing Committee of Synod may direct: Provided that the portion of premium paid on behalf of any Clergyman shall not exceed the amount which would have been contributed towards his premium from the Funds and levy referred to in this Canon, if he had been a member of the Clergy Widow and Orphan Fund and the Clergy Superannuation Fund or either of those Funds, and also shall not exceed one-half the total premium due by such Clergyman.

50. Clauses 20, 24, and 25 above shall apply to every such levy.

## CANON III.—STANDING ORDERS.

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### GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Time of Meeting.

1. The time of meeting for dispatch of business shall be on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week, at ten o'clock in the morning unless otherwise ordered.

Chair taken and prayers read.

2. A quorum being present, the Bishop shall take the chair, and prayers shall be read. (A quorum of Synod is one-eighth of the whole of Synod.)

No quorum at time of Meeting.

3. If a quorum be not present within half an hour after the time of meeting, the Synod shall stand adjourned until the next time of meeting, and if there be no quorum on that day, the Bishop shall adjourn the Synod to such time as he may think fit.

No quorum during Meeting.

4. If at any time after the chair is taken the attention of the Bishop be formally called to the fact that a quorum is not present, the Bishop shall, at the end of ten minutes, if a quorum be not first made up, adjourn the Synod until the next time of meeting, when the business under discussion shall be resumed at the point at which it was interrupted.

Time of Meeting in certain cases

5. Where no provision is made in these Orders in reference to the next time of meeting, the Bishop shall appoint such time as he shall think fit.

Order of Business.  
First Session.

6. On the first day of the first session of each Synod the following business shall have precedence and in the order named:—

- (a) The Synod Roll shall be called.
- (b) New members shall sign the Synodal Compact.
- (c) The Election Committee shall be appointed.
- (d) The Standing Committee and Treasurer or Treasurers; Custodians of the Synod Seal; Parish Boundaries Board; Representatives to the Provisional Council; Assessors; Diocesan Nominators; and Representatives to General Synod shall be nominated in writing, the nominees having previously consented to act if elected.

(e) The Standing Committee and Treasurer or Treasurers; Custodians of the Synod Seal; Parish Boundaries Board; Representatives to the Provisional Council; Assessors; Diocesan Nominators; and Representatives to General Synod shall be elected by ballot, and scrutineers shall be appointed by the Bishop. This election shall be the first business transacted at the evening sitting.

(f) The Church Advocate shall be appointed.

(g) Two Auditors shall be appointed.

On the first day of each session the following business shall have precedence and in the order named:—

Order of  
Business.  
Each Session.

(a) The Synod Roll shall be called and new members shall sign the Synodal Compact.

(b) The Standing Committee and Treasurer or Treasurers, and Representatives to General Synod shall be nominated in writing, the nominees having previously consented to act if elected.

(c) The Standing Committee and Treasurer or Treasurers and Representatives to General Synod shall be elected by ballot, and scrutineers shall be appointed by the Bishop. This election shall be the first business transacted at the evening sitting.

(d) Two Auditors shall be appointed.

(e) The Bishop shall, if he think fit, deliver his report on the general state of the diocese, and lay statistical returns on the table.

(f) The Standing Committee shall deliver their report for the past year with statement of accounts duly audited.

(g) Other reports and accounts shall be brought up.

7. Petitions shall next be presented, Notices of Motion or Question given, and reports brought up.

Petitions,  
Notices,  
Reports.

8. Motions relating to the sale of Church Properties shall next be brought forward and take precedence of other motions without regard to the order in which they are placed or appear on the Notice Paper.



Formal  
Motions.

9. Formal Motions.—Before the motions are proceeded with the President at each sitting shall read over the Motions on the business paper, and any motions may be taken as formal, unless objection be taken thereto by the word ‘object’ being called, and such motion on being declared formal shall be forthwith put without amendment or debate.

Consideration  
of Motions.

10. Motions shall then be considered, and other business proceeded with in order in which the same shall stand on the Notice Paper.

Petitions,

## PETITIONS.

Presentation,  
etc.

11. Every Petition must be presented by a member of Synod, shall contain a prayer, and be signed by the Petitioner.

Duties of  
Members  
presenting

12. A member presenting a Petition shall state that he has ascertained that its language is respectful and temperate and shall read the prayer.

Motions  
Presentation

13. The only motions admissible on the presentation of a petition shall be—

(a) That the Petition be received.

(b) That the Petition be read.

Notices

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND QUESTION.

Order on  
Notice  
Paper

14. Notices shall appear on the Notice Paper in the order in which they were received by the Secretary of Synod: Provided that Notices for the first day of Session reach the Secretary not less than six days previously to such day of meeting .

To be legibly  
written

15. All Notices shall be legibly written and signed by the mover; and when handed in to the table shall be read out to Synod.

If unbecom-  
ing, not  
received

16. If any Notice contain unbecoming expressions the Bishop may order that it shall not be received.

Not received  
after com-  
mencement  
of business

17. No Notice shall be received after the Synod has proceeded to the business of the day as set down on the Notice Paper.

When not  
called on

18. Notices not called on before the rising of Synod shall be placed on the Notice Paper for the following day of meeting, next after the Notices for that day.

When called  
on and not  
proceeded  
with

19. Notices called on and not proceeded with—unless this arise from want of quorum—shall lapse.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Orders of  
the Day

20. If, within two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of Synod, the Notices of Motion have not been disposed of, the Orders of the Day shall be called on and proceeded with in their order; and these having been disposed of, the business of the Notice Paper may be resumed at the point where it was interrupted.

To be called  
on at end of  
two hours.

## REPORTS.

Reports

21. On the presentation of a Report the following Motions shall be in order:—

Motions on  
presentation

- (a) That the Report (if not printed and in the hands of members) be read.
- (b) That the Report be printed and lie on the table.
- (c) That the Report be received.
- (d) That the Report be adopted.
- (e) That the Report be taken into consideration on a future day.
- (f) That the Report be referred back for reconsideration.

22. If objection be taken and be confirmed by one-third of the members present, to any Report being considered at the time of its presentation, no proceedings shall then be had thereon.

Not then  
considered  
if objection  
is taken

23. Reports which are printed and distributed to members shall be taken as read.

When printed  
to be taken  
as read

24. The report of a Committee shall be presented by the Chairman.

To be  
presented  
by Chairman

## MOTIONS.

motion

25. No motion shall be moved except on notice duly given.

Notice to  
be given

26. Motions shall not be moved on that day on which notice thereof is given if objection thereto be taken and be sustained by one-third of the members present.

And for  
future day

27. Matters which, in the opinion of the Bishop, are of urgency, may be brought before Synod without notice, under a formal motion for adjournment, before the business of the day is called on.

Formal  
Notice  
without  
Motions

Must be moved by member giving notice

28. If when a motion is called on, the mover be not in his place, no other member shall move the same, except by leave of Synod.

Same Motion not to be twice offered

29. No motion shall be brought forward for discussion which in the opinion of the Bishop, is substantially identical with one already disposed of in the affirmative or negative during the same Session.

Amendments

## AMENDMENTS.

Different methods

30. A question having been proposed may be amended; but no amendment except of a verbal character shall be put from the chair until a written copy thereof shall have been handed to the President or Chairman of Committees as the case may be.

By leaving out words

31. When the proposed amendment is to leave out certain words, the Bishop shall put a question, "That the words proposed to be left out, be left out of the question."

By leaving out words in order to insert or add others

32. When the proposed amendment is to leave out certain words in order to insert or add other words, the Bishop shall put a question, "That the words proposed to be left out, be left out of the question;" which, if resolved in the negative, shall dispose of the amendment; but, if in the affirmative, another question shall be put, that the words of the amendment be inserted or added, instead thereof.

By inserting or adding words

33. When the proposed amendment is to insert or add certain words, the Bishop shall put a question, that such words be inserted or added.

How withdrawn.

34. An amendment may, with the consent of the seconder, be withdrawn by leave of the majority of the Synod.

Amendments on Amendments

35. Amendments may be proposed to a proposed amendment, as if such proposed amendment were an original question.

Question put as amended

36. When amendments have been made, the original question, as amended, shall be put.

When proposed but not made

37. When amendments have been proposed but not made, the question shall be put as originally proposed.

Must be taken singly

38. Not more than one amendment on any question shall be proposed to Synod at the same time.



## RULES OF DEBATE.

Rules of  
Debate

39. Every member shall address the chair when speaking, and shall speak standing; and shall be entitled to be heard in silence till he resume his seat.

Members to  
address  
Chair

40. Except by special permission of Synod, the mover of a motion, or of an amendment to a motion, shall not speak to the question for more than ten minutes, and any member of Synod in debate shall not speak to the question for more than five minutes.

Time limit.

41. A motion or amendment not seconded shall fall to the ground, and shall not be entered on the Minutes, and the Synod shall at once proceed to the next business.

Motions not  
seconded  
lapse

42. No member shall speak twice (except in Committee of the whole Synod) on the same question, unless in explanation of something he himself has said in the same debate on which he has been misrepresented, or misunderstood, and in such explanation he shall not introduce any new matter; provided that the mover of any original question, but not of an amendment, shall be allowed to reply, which reply shall close the debate, except as hereinafter provided: Provided, also, that it shall be competent for a member when he seconds a motion or amendment without speaking to it, to address the Synod on the subject of such motion or amendment at any subsequent period of the debate.

Members not  
to speak  
twice on same  
question

Exceptions

43. A member who has spoken to the original question may speak again to any amendment thereof, when proposed from the chair, and to the main question when finally proposed as amended.

Amendment  
not the same  
question.

44. The Bishop may speak once to any motion or amendment at any period of the debate, and also after the reply of the mover, and in this last mentioned case the debate will be closed by the Bishop's address.

Bishop may  
speak twice

45. A motion to divide may be made at any period of the debate by any member who has not spoken, but not so as to interrupt a member speaking; and if seconded shall be at once put from the chair without discussion.

Motion to  
divide

46. A motion "That the debate be now adjourned" or "That the Synod do now adjourn" may be made by any member who has not spoken, and if seconded shall be at once put from the chair without discussion. The

Adjourn  
Debate

member upon whose motion a debate shall have been adjourned shall be entitled to be heard first on the resumption of the debate.

Motion that  
Synod pass to  
consideration  
of next  
business

47. A motion "That the Synod do now pass to the consideration of the next business" may be made by any member who has not spoken, and, if seconded, shall be at once put from the chair without discussion; and, if carried, the main question shall drop, but may be again entertained upon due notice being given.

Repetition of  
certain  
Motions  
limited

48. Whenever a motion for division or adjournment or "That the Synod do now pass to the consideration of the next business" is negatived, none of these motions shall be entertained within the next fifteen minutes.

Motions, how  
withdrawn

49. A motion or amendment may, with the consent of the seconder, be withdrawn by leave of a majority of Synod.

Previous  
Question,  
how moved,  
etc.

50. When it is desired to avoid or postpone making a decision on any question it shall be competent for any member to move "The Previous Question," and it shall be put by the President in the following form:—"That this question be not now put," and, if this be carried, the main question shall drop.

Not to be  
amended

51. The "Previous Question" may be debated but not amended.

Bishop  
names  
member to  
be heard

52. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Bishop shall decide which member is entitled to speak first.

Point of  
Order, how  
determined

53. If any Point of Order arise the member speaking shall resume his seat till it be settled. Any member may speak once to that Point of Order, confining himself strictly thereto, and the Bishop shall decide such point before the general debate continues. If any objection be taken to a ruling or decision of the Bishop, such objection shall be taken at once, and must be stated in writing, and shall be determined by Synod, either then or on a future day.

Ruling of  
Bishop

Voting

## VOTING.

Bishop puts  
Question

54. At the close of any debate the Bishop shall put the question to the vote.

Call for Vote  
by Orders

55. Any member of Synod—Bishop, Clerical, or Lay—may at this stage call for a vote by orders, except as provided for in Clause 10 of the Constitution.

56. If a vote by orders be called for, the Bishop shall first take the sense of the Clergy present by division, then of the Laity, and lastly shall give his own decision for or against the question.

Method of  
Vote by  
Orders

57. If no call for a vote by orders be made, the Bishop shall call for the voices of Synod, and declare whether, in his opinion, the Ayes or the Noes have it. If his decision be challenged, the Bishop shall direct the Ayes to proceed to the right of the chair, and the Noes to the left, and shall appoint a teller for each party. When the voting is by orders, the names of the members shall be taken down, and recorded on the minutes as voting for or against the question.

Voices to  
be given

Division

58. All members, other than Clergymen in Deacon's Orders, present when the question is put, must vote; and no member shall leave the room whilst the votes are being taken.

All present  
must Vote

59. The Bishop shall have a deliberative vote, and, in case of an equality of votes, a casting vote, except in the case of a vote by orders.

Bishop has  
two votes

## COMMITTEE OF WHOLE SYNOD.

Committee

60. In Committee of whole Synod the Bishop shall be Chairman; but in his absence, or if he shall so desire it, any member may be elected to the chair.

The Chairman

61. The Chairman of Committee shall have a casting vote only.

The Chairman  
has casting  
Vote only

62. The Chairman of Committee shall be invested with the same authority for the preservation of order as the Bishop when presiding in Synod.

Powers of  
Chairman

65. The same rules as to quorum and order of debate shall be observed in Committee as in Synod, except the rule which limits the number of times of speaking.

Quorum and  
Order of  
Debate.

64. Motions may be made "That the Chairman leave the chair," or "That the Committee do now report progress and ask leave to sit again," which, if seconded, shall be at once put from the chair without discussion.

Certain  
Motions put  
without  
debate

65. The Committee of whole Synod may vote by orders, except as provided for in Clause 10 of the Constitution.

Committee  
may Vote by  
Orders

66. The Report of Committee of whole Synod shall at once be considered on Synod resuming.

Report to be  
at once  
considered



## SELECT COMMITTEES.

Select  
Committees  
How  
appointed

67. Select Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members, unless by leave of Synod, and shall be elected by nomination, or in case more than the number required are nominated, by ballot; and in all cases the consent to act of the person nominated shall be first obtained. All such Committees shall be instructed to report, either to Synod or to the Standing Committee. The mover of a motion for the appointment of a Select Committee shall himself, if elected a member of such Committee, act as convener of the first meeting.

General  
Rules  
Debates to  
be open

## GENERAL RULES.

68. The discussions of the Synod shall be always open to the members of the Church, and, except by resolution of Synod, to the public.

Minutes of  
Proceedings

69. The minutes of each day's proceedings shall be written fair by the Secretary, and signed by the Bishop and the Secretary, and shall then be taken and accepted as the authentic record of Synod.

Suspension of  
Standing  
Orders

70. Any of the Standing Orders (numbered Clauses 1 to 69 of this Canon), may be suspended on motion without notice duly seconded, but not without the consent of a majority of the members present who have votes.

Interpretation

## INTERPRETATION.

Order of the  
day

71. An "Order of the Day" is any matter which Synod has ordered to be taken into consideration on a particular day.

Question.

72. A "Question" is a motion or amendment, which having been duly moved and seconded, is "proposed" or stated from the chair.

Putting of  
Question

73. A question is said to be "put" when it is finally submitted by the chair to the vote.



## CANON IV.—REGULATING PARISHES.

### PART I.—ORGANIZATION.

1. The Diocese of Willochra shall, in respect of the members of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania, be divided into parishes; each parish to consist of the members of such Church resident within certain limits, to be defined and readjusted from time to time by the Parish Boundaries Board, which Board shall consist of the Bishop, as President, the Archdeacon of the district in which the parish whose boundaries are to be defined is situated, and two licenced Clergymen, and two Lay members of the Synod, elected at the first session of each triennial Synod by ballot, who shall hold office until their successors are appointed. The said Board shall be empowered to call for evidence, and to decide any question touching the territorial extent of any parish, and its decision shall be binding, subject, nevertheless, to an appeal to Synod.

Parish  
Boundaries  
Board

2. Whenever any portion of the Diocese shall hereafter be constituted a separate parish, its lands and all other Church property shall be conveyed or transferred to Synod subject to the trusts, and provisions contained in the Constitution and Canons.

Lands to be  
vested in  
Synod

3. Any congregation or Church recognised by Synod which—

Churches  
seeking to  
be declared  
Parishes

(a) Shall show that the sum of at least £250 per annum as income, and a suitable residence, together with such amount for travelling expenses as the Bishop shall deem necessary, can be provided for a Minister; and also

(b) That its lands are vested in Synod subject to the trusts and provisions contained in the Constitution and Canons; and

(c) Shall engage by a formal instrument to submit to and abide by the Constitution and Canons passed by Synod;

shall be entitled to apply to be declared a parish.

Parochial  
Districts

4. Any congregation or Church recognised by Synod which shall be unable to comply with the condition (a) of the above clause, but which—

(a) Shall show that a reasonable proportion of an income for a Minister can be provided; and also

(b) That its lands are vested in Synod subject to the trusts and provisions contained in the Constitution and Canons; and

(c) Shall engage by a formal instrument to submit to and abide by the Constitution and Canons passed by Synod;

shall be entitled to apply to be declared a Parochial District.

United  
Parishes

5. Any two or more neighbouring parochial districts which shall show that a sum of at least £250 per annum as income, and a suitable residence, together with such amount for travelling expenses as the Bishop shall deem necessary, can be provided between them for a Minister, shall be entitled to apply to be declared an United Parish.

Mission  
Districts

6. Mission Districts (which shall include such parochial districts as are unable to comply with the conditions of the above Clause 5) may be constituted by the Bishop in council with the Standing Committee. The boundaries thereof shall be defined by the Parish Boundaries Board; and the Priest-in-Charge appointed by the Bishop.

Method of  
Placing  
on Roll

7. Every application by a Church or congregation to be declared a Parish or a Parochial District or an United Parish shall be by memorial to Synod or Standing Committee in the form of Schedule IVA (for a parish or parochial district) or Schedule IVB (for a united parish) hereto, as the case may be, which memorial shall be referred to the Election Committee, who shall forthwith enquire into the same. The said Committee shall after such enquiry present a report to Synod, which may, if it think fit, cause such Church or congregation to be placed on the Roll of Parishes (or Parochial Districts or United Parishes, as the case may be), and the boundaries thereof shall be defined by the Parish Boundaries Board.



8. The spiritual care of members of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania, not residing in any Parish or Parochial or Mission District shall be provided for by means of ordained Missionaries licenced by the Bishop, or if such may not be had, by duly qualified Lay persons specially licenced thereto.

#### SCHEDULE IVA.

Schedule IV.A

*Form of Memorial requesting to be placed on the Roll of Parishes (or Parochial Districts).*

We, the undersigned officers and members of the Church of \_\_\_\_\_, having agreed to contribute the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ as (towards) the income of a Minister, desire to be declared by Synod the Parish (Parochial District) of \_\_\_\_\_. And we hereby engage to submit to and abide by the Constitution and Canons passed by Synod; and forward a certified copy of a resolution to that effect passed at a meeting of the congregation held at \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_.

#### SCHEDULE IVB.

Schedule IV.B

*Form of Memorial requesting to be placed on the Roll of United Parishes.*

We, the undersigned Churchwardens duly elected by, and acting in behalf of, the Churches of the Parochial Districts of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, having agreed to contribute the sums of £ \_\_\_\_\_ and £ \_\_\_\_\_ respectively towards the income of a Minister, and in like proportion towards the travelling expenses of the Rector of the proposed United Parish, desire to be declared by Synod the United Parish of \_\_\_\_\_. And we hereby engage to submit to and abide by the Constitution and Canons passed in Synod and forward certified copies of resolutions to that effect passed at meetings of the congregations held as written hereunder:

For the Parochial District of	Signatures of the Churchwardens.	Dates of the Meet- ings of the Congre- gations.
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## PART II.—CHURCHES.

Church to be  
Dedicated

9. Every Church when dedicated shall remain dedicated as and for a place for the performance of Divine Service according to the Book of Common Prayer and administration of the Sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania. The land which has been purchased or given for the purposes of the Church of England shall be held subject to the trusts and provisions contained in the Constitution and Canons of the Church of England in the Diocese of Willochra Incorporated for the time being.

Synod to  
permit Divine  
Service, etc.,  
to be  
performed in  
the Church

10. The Synod shall permit to be performed in the said Church Divine Services according to the Book of Common Prayer and administration of the Sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the said Church of England.

## PART III.—THE VESTRY.

Constitution  
of Vestry

11. There shall be a Vestry for the general direction of the affairs of the said Church, and such Vestry shall consist of the Minister, Churchwardens, and such members of the congregation as are or shall be qualified to elect Synodsmen in accordance with the Constitution and Canons for the time being of the Synod; and such Vestry shall be convened from time to time in manner hereinafter provided: Provided always that in case the offices of Minister and Churchwardens or either of such offices shall at any time become vacant, the continuing members of the Vestry may exercise such powers as are needful for carrying on the work of the Church.

Qualification  
to Vote at  
Vestry  
Meetings  
and for  
Synodsmen—  
Roll to be  
prepared

12. The Churchwardens shall from time to time enter in a Roll Book in the form in Schedule IVc hereto the names of all adult persons who are or claim to be qualified electors of the Church, and every person entered in such Roll Book who shall sign the same shall be a member of the Vestry and entitled to vote at all Vestry Meetings on matters connected with such Church and for the election of Synodsmen and on all matters with which the Vestry is by virtue of the Canons competent to deal. The said Roll Book shall be revised in the month of February in each year

by the Churchwardens, or in case they neglect or refuse to do so, by the Minister of the Church. The said Roll Book shall be signed by the Churchwardens and countersigned by the Minister. Any person whose name shall have been improperly omitted or removed from the said Roll Book may apply at any time to the Churchwardens to enter his name in the said Roll Book as a qualified elector. If they refuse or neglect to do so he may appeal to the Minister of the Church, who may, if he think fit, enter in the said Roll Book the name of such person so omitted or removed as aforesaid. There shall be an appeal to the Bishop from the decision of the Minister with reference to any name omitted, removed from, or inserted in the said Roll Book, and on such appeal the Bishop may if he think fit enter in or remove such name from the said Roll Book. The Bishop may also on the neglect or refusal of the Churchwardens or Minister sign or countersign the said Roll Book in the place of the Churchwardens and Minister.

13. At all meetings of the said Vestry (except in such cases as are hereinafter next mentioned) the Minister, holding the licence of the Bishop, if present and not declining to act shall have the right (*ex officio*) of presiding as chairman; and in case during the sitting of such Vestry it shall be requisite to bring forward any question relating to the future collection or the appropriation of money or the auditing of accounts relating to past expenditure then the Vestry may resolve itself into a committee before any such question shall be brought forward for discussion and shall appoint a chairman who may be either the Minister or any member of the Vestry. A record shall be kept of all the proceedings of the Vestry which shall remain in the Church and be open at all reasonable times to the inspection of any Vestryman.

Minister to  
preside at  
Vestry  
Meeting

14. The Minister for the time being, or on his neglect or refusal then the Churchwardens, or on their neglect or refusal then any five Vestrymen shall have power to call a Vestry meeting at any time by a notice read in the Church by the officiating Minister or affixed to the Church door two Sundays next

Vestry  
Meetings—  
How con-  
vened and  
adjourned



before the day on which the proposed meeting is to be held signed by the Minister or Churchwardens or five Vestrymen, as the case may be, in which notice shall be mentioned the time and place at which it is proposed to hold such meeting and the object thereof. No Vestry meeting shall be adjourned except by the votes of the majority present thereat nor dissolved unless the business for which it shall have been convened shall have been transacted; at the adjourned meeting the only business to be transacted shall be that which was left unfinished at the prior meeting unless fresh notice be given. If at any such Vestry meeting there shall not be five Vestrymen present, then the Minister or Churchwardens may adjourn such meeting from time to time for any period not exceeding fourteen days.

Voting at  
Vestry  
Meetings

15. At every Vestry or Committee meeting the votes of a majority of the persons present and qualified to vote shall decide every question before such meeting except where the consent of the Minister is required. The Minister shall be the Chairman (*ex officio*) of all Vestry and Parish meetings, and shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote.

No person shall be entitled to vote at any Vestry meeting unless he shall have been enrolled as a qualified elector in the Roll Book at least one calendar month prior to such meeting.

General  
powers of  
Vestry

16. In all cases not herein specially provided for the Vestry shall direct how and in what manner the trusts of the said property shall be executed and shall have the general management, control and appropriation of the trust property.

Meeting of  
Vestry

17. The Vestry shall meet in Easter week or at any time thereafter within one month of Easter Day.

Accounts  
to be  
audited.

18. All accounts shall be audited by an auditor or auditors to be appointed at a regular Vestry meeting and presented at the Easter Vestry by the Churchwardens for the purpose of being passed.

Returns.

Before the 30th April in each year an abstract of the year's accounts shall be transmitted by the Curate to the Bishop, according to the form provided in Schedule B (Financial Return).

Every Curate in the Diocese shall before the 30th April in each year make a report of the state of his Parish according to the form provided in Schedule C (Parochial Return).

The financial year shall close on the 31st March.

Financial  
Year.

The offerings collected on Easter Day in every Church throughout the Diocese shall be given to the Minister of the parish for his exclusive use and benefit as an Easter offering.

Easter  
Offerings.

The following books are to be provided by the Churchwardens:—

Books to be  
provided.

- (1) Registers of Baptisms, Banns, Marriages, and Burials.
- (2) Vestry Book in the prescribed printed form.
- (3) Roll Book for the enrolment of qualified electors as Schedule IV C.
- (4) Minute Books for Vestry and Parish Council meetings.
- (5) Cash Book for parish accounts.—See Clause 42 (b).

#### SCHEDULE IVc.

Schedule IVc.

*Roll of Members of the Vestry of  
(Here insert name of Church.)*

I do declare that I am a member of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania and belong to no other religious denomination.

Name of Qualified Elector.	Address.	Signature.	Witness.	Date of Entry on Roll.	Date of Ceasing to be a Mem- ber. State whether through death or otherwise.

Certified correct—

Minister.

Churchwardens.

## PART IV.—CLERGYMEN, INSTITUTION OF.

Clerical  
Trustees

19. No Clergyman shall be Incumbent of a Church of which he is a Trustee, or Trustee of any property real or personal incident to his office as Incumbent of a Church.

Bishop may  
appoint during  
vacancy and  
Synod shall  
admit person  
appointed

20. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Incumbency the Bishop, or in his absence the Administrator of the Diocese, shall have power to appoint some duly qualified person, and the Synod shall recognize such person so appointed to officiate in the said Church during such vacancy.

Local rights  
of  
Presentation

21. A parish shall have local rights of presentation which has—

(a) Satisfied the Bishop of its ability to provide for the payment of a stipend of not less than £250 per annum, together with a suitable residence, and such amount for travelling expenses as the Bishop shall deem necessary.

(b) Paid in full the stipend of the outgoing Rector.

(c) Paid in full all diocesan dues, assessments, and collections.

In all parishes not fulfilling these requirements the appointment to the Cure of Souls shall vest absolutely in the Bishop.

Designation  
of Clergyman

22. The title of Rector shall be the designation of a Clergyman duly licenced and instituted by the Bishop to a parish possessing local rights of presentation.

Board of  
Presentation

23. There shall be a Board of Presentation, consisting of Diocesan and Parochial Nominators, appointed as hereinafter provided for the presentation of Clergymen in Priests' Orders for institution to vacant parishes possessing local rights of presentation.

Diocesan  
Nominators

24. The Diocesan Nominators shall consist of the Archdeacon of the District (or in his absence the Rural Dean of the District in which the parish is situated), together with one Clerical and one Lay Diocesan Nominator, who shall be elected at the first session of each Triennial Synod.



25. Every Church which is a parish or part of an united parish possessing local rights of presentation shall at the Easter Vestry Meeting elect from the members of the Vestry Parochial Nominators according to the following scale:—

- (a) A Church which is part of an united parish possessing local rights of presentation—One Nominator.
- (b) A Church which during the preceding twelve months was assessed at not less than £80 nor more than £120—Two Nominators.
- (c) A Church which during the preceding twelve months was assessed at not less than £120 nor more than £160—Three Nominators.
- (d) A Church which during the preceding twelve months was assessed at not less than £160 nor more than £200—Four Nominators.
- (e) A Church which during the preceding twelve months was assessed at more than £200—Five Nominators.

26. When the office of Clerical or Lay Diocesan Nominator becomes vacant from any cause, such vacancy shall be filled up forthwith by the Synod if in session, or if not in session by the Standing Committee. When the office of Parochial Nominator becomes vacant from any cause it shall be the duty of the Rector to summon a special meeting of the Vestry to elect some other member of the Vestry to fill such vacancy.

27. When the Cure of Souls in a parish possessing local rights of presentation becomes or is declared vacant, the Bishop shall summon the Diocesan Nominators, and also the Parochial Nominators, of such vacant parish to meet in the said parish at such time and place as he shall think fit, and the Bishop and such Diocesan and Parochial Nominators as shall be present at such meeting shall constitute the Presentation Board. Provided that the presence of the Bishop and at least Five Nominators shall be necessary to constitute a meeting of the said Board for the due exercise of the powers vested in it, provided that any Nominator, whether Diocesan or Parochial, if unable to be present

Parochial  
Nominators

Vacancies—  
how filled

Meeting of the  
Presentation  
Board

Bishop and  
five others  
necessary.

Voting by  
proxy.

at the meeting, may be represented and vote by proxy, and any communication addressed by the absent Nominator to the chairman of the meeting shall be read to the meeting.

Mode of  
Election

28. The Presentation Board shall be presided over by the Bishop, who shall have a deliberative vote and also a casting vote, and they shall then elect a Clergyman in Priests' Orders fitted to undertake the office, and shall nominate him to the Bishop, who shall forthwith institute the Clergyman so nominated if satisfied of his fitness according to the 39th Canon of 1603.

Provided that no Clergyman shall be instituted until he has signed the declaration set forth in Schedule C of the Constitution.

Parochial  
Nominators  
may recom-  
mend name  
of Clergyman

29. The Parochial Nominators may at any meeting to which they have been summoned recommend to the said Board the name of any Clergyman in Priests' Orders whom they may desire to be presented to the Bishop for institution, and such recommendation (if any) shall be taken into consideration by the Board before the name of any other Clergyman is submitted to the Board for election.

Bishop may  
refuse  
Presentation

30. If the Bishop decline to institute the Priest so nominated, his decision shall be final, and he shall not be required to disclose his reasons for declining. The Bishop shall notify the Board of his decision forthwith, and the Board shall then make a fresh nomination, and shall forthwith proceed to do so in the manner above described.

Form of  
Presentation

31. The Presentation of a Clergyman to the Bishop for institution to a Cure of Souls shall be in the form following:—

“To the Right Reverend A. B., by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of Willochra.

“We, the undersigned, duly authorised to select a Rector for the Parish of..... do hereby nominate and present the Rev. C. D. to be Rector of the said Parish, and to be licenced and Instituted thereto by the Bishop.

Dated this.....day of.....A.D., 19..”

(Signatures.)

32. If no Clergyman be presented for institution within three months from the date on which the Board was summoned to select a Clergyman, and no reason satisfactory to the Bishop be assigned for the delay, then in such case the Presentation of a Clergyman for institution shall lapse to the Bishop for this turn only, and Synod shall recognise the Rector when so appointed.

Presentation  
to lapse by  
default

33. The Synod shall admit the Incumbent Minister who shall be a Clerk in Priest's Orders holding the licence of the Bishop to exercise his office in the said Church when duly presented by the Bishop or Board of Presentation to the Incumbency and licenced thereto by the Bishop.

How  
admitted to  
Incumbency

34. The Synod shall permit the duly licenced Incumbent to occupy the parsonage (if any) and to appropriate for his maintenance the proceeds of the Incumbency in manner herein provided. And may, with the consent in writing of the Incumbent, from time to time let the parsonage, glebe, or schoolhouse at such rent for such term or term of years (defeasible within six months from the Incumbency becoming vacant) and upon such conditions as to the Synod or the Standing Committee thereof may seem proper.

Synod to  
permit the  
Incumbent  
to occupy  
Parsonage

## PART V—PARISH COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE.

35. In every parish or parochial district or Mission district there may be a Parish Council which shall consist of the Minister, the Churchwardens, and not less than three nor more than nine parishioners to be called Councillors, of whom one-third shall be nominated by the Rector and two-thirds shall be elected by the Annual Meeting.

Parish  
Council

The Parish Council shall act as a Council of Advice to the Minister and Churchwardens, and shall, if required by the Churchwardens, assist them in providing the funds necessary for the due administration of the Parish.

Meetings of the Parish Council, if constituted, shall be held at least once in every three months and at such other times as the Minister may think desirable. The date of the meetings shall be fixed by the Minister.



Annual  
Conference

36. In United Parishes there shall be an annual conference to recommend the relative share in clerical services for each church or congregation, the relative proportion of financial responsibility, and other matters which concern the United Parish as a whole. The Conference shall consist of the Churchwardens and two representatives from each church or congregation, who shall be elected annually by the Vestry and shall meet within two months of Easter Day and at other times if necessary. The place and time of meeting shall be fixed by the Clergyman. The rules governing the conduct of Vestry meetings shall apply to the Annual Conference so far as is practicable.

## PART VI.—CHURCHWARDENS.

Church-  
wardens—  
How first  
appointed

37. Churchwardens being communicants of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania shall be appointed in the first instance at a meeting of subscribers towards the building of the Church, duly held for that purpose, which meeting may be called by advertising the same once or oftener in a public newspaper. At such meeting every subscriber being a member of the said Church of England shall be entitled to vote. At such meeting of subscribers the name or designation of the Church shall be determined upon, subject to the approval of the Bishop.

Subsequent  
appointments

38. At the Easter Vestry meeting two Churchwardens shall be appointed, one by the Minister and the other by the Vestry: Provided always that, if at any such Vestry meeting or any other meeting convened for the election of Churchwardens or at which Churchwardens might be appointed, the Minister shall neglect or refuse to appoint a Churchwarden, then the Vestry shall have full authority to nominate a Churchwarden on behalf of the Minister. In case at any such meeting as aforesaid the Vestry shall neglect or refuse to appoint a Churchwarden, then the Minister shall have full authority to nominate a Churchwarden on behalf of the Vestry. In case no nomination shall be made at any such meeting, or such meeting shall not be held, it shall be lawful for the Bishop, or Administrator of the Diocese for the time being, to appoint any two qualified persons to act as Churchwardens until such officers shall be duly appointed under the provisions hereinbefore contained.

The Minister, or in his absence the Chairman of the meeting, shall within one month after the date of election of wardens, give notice of their names to the Diocesan Secretary.

Notice of  
Election.

Churchwardens shall continue in office until their successors are appointed.

39. In case of an extraordinary vacancy in the office of Churchwarden the minister shall nominate a qualified person to fill such vacancy, if the Churchwarden whose place is to be supplied were the nominee of the Minister; but in case such Churchwarden shall have been nominated by the Vestry, then the Vestry shall fill up the vacancy at a meeting called as soon as conveniently may be for that purpose.

Vacancies in  
the office of  
Churchwarden  
—How filled  
up

40. The Churchwardens for the time being shall be the executive officers of the Synod to execute, carry out and perform all matters connected with the trusts hereof, and shall fulfil and give effect to all the duties, powers and trusts given to the Synod in the premises: Provided, however, if the Churchwardens shall neglect or refuse to carry out, perform and fulfil the said trusts, duties and powers then the Synod, or the Standing Committee of Synod on its behalf, may from time to time, if it shall think fit, appoint some other person or persons to be its executive officer or officers in lieu of such Churchwardens to execute or carry out any or all of such duties, powers or trusts.

Church-  
wardens to  
act for  
Synod

41. All Churchwardens shall be communicants of the said Church of England, and no person shall be appointed a Churchwarden unless and until he has signed the declaration in Schedule IVc required of a member of the Vestry.

Qualification  
of Church-  
wardens

42. It shall appertain to the office of Churchwardens—

Duties of  
Church-  
wardens

(a) To provide, in conjunction with the Curate, all things needful for the decent celebration of Divine Service, the administration of the Sacraments and Rites of the Church (including bread and wine for Holy Communion), and the safe keeping of the records:

(b) To receive and disburse all moneys belonging to the Parish, keeping proper accounts thereof

in the cash book provided in the form of Schedule "B" hereto (Financial Return); to provide for the regular payment of stipends, so far as the district is liable for the same; to receive all offerings and collections, and enter the same after each service in the Vestry Book; and to pay and apply all special offerings and collections to the object specified:

\*Note—All moneys raised by parochial agencies for objects outside the parish shall be remitted (by the Churchwardens only) to the Diocesan Secretary.

- (c) To pay the salaries of all Church Officers; and in conjunction with the Clergyman, to appoint, control, and dismiss all lay officers, except where otherwise provided by the Constitution and Canons.
- (d) To keep in repair the fabric of the Church, Parsonage, and Schoolhouse, so far as the funds may allow:
- (e) To see that all persons are placed as conveniently as possible during Divine Service:
- (f) To preserve due order and quiet in and about the Church during Divine Service:
- (g) To have in conjunction with the Clergyman (subject to an appeal to the Bishop), the control of all decoration of the Church:
- (h) To report to the Bishop any irregularity in conduct of the Clergyman:
- (j) To attend the Bishop or the Administrator or the Archdeacon whenever cited to a visitation, or on his visit to the district; and to report immediately to the Bishop the vacancy of the Cure, from death or otherwise:
- (k) In the case of a vacancy in any charge of a parish or mission district the Churchwardens shall not let for rent or devote to purposes other than Divine Service the Church fabric or building without the written consent of the Bishop.



## PART VII.—SCHOOLHOUSE.

43. In case a schoolhouse shall be erected on any portion of the said land the same shall be occupied, used and enjoyed for the purpose of the education of the young in accordance with the principles of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania. The entire control of such school and the receipt and appropriation of the moneys (if any) arising therefrom and the appointment and removal of a master or matron shall rest with a committee consisting of the Minister and four Vestrymen, two of whom shall be annually elected at the Easter Vestry meeting, and the other two appointed by the Minister at the same meeting. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in such Committee the remaining members shall elect or appoint another Vestryman to fill it. The Bishop of the Diocese shall have power at all times to examine either personally or by deputy whether the education in such school is such as specified or not.

Trust of  
Schoolhouse

## PART VIII.—ORGANIST AND OTHER OFFICERS.

44. The Minister for the time being shall have the power to appoint and remove the organist, choir-master, vergers, sexton, pew-openers, or any other such officers as it may be deemed advisable to appoint or remove, but the salaries of these officers, if any, shall be fixed by the Vestry at the annual meeting.

Organist  
and other  
Officers

The formation and management of the choir and the selection and practice of Church music shall be subject to the control of the Minister.

45. No Clergyman, Trustee, Churchwarden, Synodsmen, Schoolmaster, Lay Reader, Catechist, or other agent or office-bearer shall be admitted to any office under the provisions of these presents, or be entitled to receive any income, emolument or benefit from or out of the property held under the same, unless and until he shall have signed a declaration of his adhesion and submission to the provisions of these presents in the following form:—

I, A.B., declare that I am a bona fide member of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania, and

that I am a communicant of the same, and I submit to the authority of the Synod of the Diocese of Willochra (Incorporated), established by a Constitution agreed to on the twenty-ninth day of July, 1915, and I consent to be bound by all the provisions of the Constitution, and by all the Canons and Regulations now or hereafter in force so long as I hold any office, appointment or emolument in or under the said Synod. And I hereby undertake immediately to resign my office or appointment and all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto if sentence requiring such resignation should at any time be passed upon me after examination had by the Tribunal appointed by the Synod.

Given under my hand this                      day of

## PART IX.—RELATION OF PARISHES TO SYNOD.

46. The Synod, with the consent of the Vestry, shall be at liberty to set apart a portion of the said land, not subject to any special trusts, for a church, parsonage, glebe, or school for the instruction of children in accordance with the principles of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania, and to let on building or other leases for a period not exceeding twenty-one years any land not appropriated to the above-mentioned purposes. The income arising therefrom shall be at the disposal of the Vestry from year to year for religious or educational purposes, subject to an appeal to the Synod on the part of the Minister, and the decision of the Synod shall be final.

47. Upon receiving from the Vestry a resolution duly passed by it and certified in manner hereinafter provided requesting the Synod so to do (but not otherwise) the Synod, or a majority of two-thirds of the Standing Committee of Synod, may in its discretion sell any land or buildings held upon the trusts of this canon or any part or parts thereof respectively upon such terms and conditions as shall seem fit to the Synod or a majority of two-thirds of the Standing Committee of Synod. The purchase money shall be applied to the purpose or purposes (not being inconsistent with the trusts) stated in such resolution and

Synod may  
appropriate  
Land

Power of  
Sale.

approved by the Synod or a majority of two-thirds of the Standing Committee of Synod.

No resolution of the Vestry requesting the Synod to sell any land or buildings shall be considered by Synod or the Standing Committee of Synod, unless accompanied by a certificate under the hand of the Incumbent for the time being, or the person presiding at such Vestry meeting, and countersigned by one of the Wardens that such resolution was duly passed at a Vestry meeting properly summoned and held in accordance with the Regulations herein contained, and that at a subsequent Vestry meeting, also duly summoned and held, such resolution was confirmed: Provided that Synod, on the request of the Archdeacon of a district, shall have power to sell in all cases in which a Church situated in such district shall have been closed and no Vestry shall be in existence.

48. No lands or buildings shall be sold or let for any term exceeding twenty-one years, nor shall the trusts relating thereto be in anywise altered without the consent of the Bishop and of Synod or a majority of two-thirds of the Standing Committee of Synod. And no buildings shall be let for any purpose without the consent of the Incumbent.

Consent of  
Bishop and  
Synod or  
Standing  
Committee

49. The Synod shall have power to alter, revoke or add to any of the Regulations herein contained, and any Regulations made under this present power: Provided always that the Church shall be held subject to the jurisdiction of the Bishop of the Diocese for Divine Service according to the Book of Common Prayer and administration of the Sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania, and all the other trust property shall be limited to the uses and trusts of the said Church and to and for the purposes in connection therewith, or such and so many of such purposes as shall be applicable for the time being.

Alteration of  
Regulations

Provided also that such alterations, revocations or additions shall be binding upon all parishes within the Diocese, to the end and intent that all such parishes shall be bound as if the Regulations so altered or added to as aforesaid had been the Regulations in force at the time the property of the particular parish was vested in Synod.



50. The provisions contained in the Constitution and Canons, with such alterations, additions and amendments as may be made thereto from time to time, shall be applicable to every parish and mission district within the Diocese, except in those cases where, and to the extent that, the trusts upon which Church properties are already held are inconsistent with the trusts of the said Constitution and Canons.

51. The Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Willochra shall be binding in all respects upon all Church members and Church properties in Eyre's Peninsula, until such time as the Bishop of Adelaide, with the consent of the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide, shall otherwise determine, by notice, given in accordance with Clause 21 of "The Diocese of Willochra Measure," the necessary power for the making of this Canon having been given by the Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide by a resolution carried on the 9th day of September, 1915.

## PART X.—MARRIAGE REGULATIONS.

52. All marriages shall be solemnised "in the body of the Church": and where, on account of distance or for some extraordinary cause a marriage is solemnised in some other place, the Clergyman shall acquaint the Bishop of the fact, together with his reasons for so doing, within seven days of solemnisation.

53. If the persons that are to be married dwell in divers parishes the banns must be asked in both parishes, and the Curate of the one parish shall not solemnise Matrimony betwixt them without a certificate of the banns being thrice asked, from the Curate of the other parish.

54. Before any Clergyman shall solemnise a marriage other than by banns a special licence must be obtained from the Bishop of the Diocese or from one of the Bishop's Surrogates.

Diocese of Willochra.

FINANCIAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDING.....19.....

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above is a true statement of the finances of the Parish.





## CANON V.—DISCIPLINE.

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[This Canon, which is an integral part of the Constitution and Canons, is published separately.]

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### COMPACT.

The foregoing Preamble, Declaration, Constitution, and Canons presented for our acceptance by the Lord Bishop of Willochra on behalf of himself and his successors, forasmuch as we believe them to be for the spiritual well-being of the Diocese of Willochra, we, the undersigned, accept and solemnly promise to observe until such time as they shall be altered, added to, amended, or repealed by the lawful action of the Synod, and, as far as in us lies, to enforce as a contract knowingly and willingly entered into by and between the several parties from time to time having notice thereof, and who by acting thereunder or accepting or availing themselves of any of the obligations or advantages thereof expressly or by implication consent thereto.

IN WITNESS whereof we have to these presents set and subscribed our respective hands and seals this 29th day of July in the year of Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

### “SIGNATURES”:

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